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Pantry has new home but needs new source of income

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Food Pantry is in the process of separating itself from the District Exchange, and is looking for new ways to finance its operation.

As for the District Exchange, its prospects for finding a new home are dimming. Both community organizations must vacate the Ethel

While District Exchange, with nowhere to go, faces closure.

Bisbee building by the end of summer, when SAD 44 will close the building.

Until now, donated clothing sold by the Exchange at a minimal cost provided the support to pay operating costs for the pantry, approximately \$5,000 a year. The services have operated for 20

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Selectmen OK ad hoc look into tapping gas pipeline

Staff Media Group/Citizen Staff

Bethel selectmen Monday evening approved formation of an ad hoc committee to explore the possibility of bringing natural gas to the Bethel area.

Such a committee was proposed by Christopher Garner, a business development consultant from East Bethel. It would study the feasibility of tapping into a nearby high-pressure natural gas pipeline known as the Rumford Lateral.

The Rumford Lateral is a

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Fire started by a lightning strike last Wednesday evening heavily damaged the base lodge at Mt. Abram Ski Resort. The bolt struck the roof of the west section (shown here), where most of the fire damage occurred. Smoke and water also affected the other parts of the structure. (Photo: M. Daniels)

Summer lightning puts ski lodge's next season in doubt, but owner says Mt. Abram will be open fall and winter

By ALISON ALOISIO

In the wake of last week's fire at Mt. Abram's main lodge, the resort's owners are pondering options ranging from large, heated/insulated, temporary tents to a brand-new lodge, as they plan for the upcoming ski season.

A lightning strike last Wednesday evening heavily damaged the ski area's base lodge, a structure consisting of the original 50-year-old building and several later ad-

ditions.

"The amount of electricity that ran through that building, causing two explosions on each end — it's fortunate no one was in the building," co-owner Matt Hancock said Monday.

Six fire departments responded to the fire. One firefighter was treated when he received an electrical shock while fighting the blaze.

Next Steps

Now management is meeting with engineers and its insurance company to decide how

Storm last week also sparked busy days for local firefighters.

Hancock said they will decide whether parts of the building may still be utilized, or if "it's faster and cheaper to bulldoze the whole thing and

start over."

With Columbus Day weekend festivities coming up relatively soon, he said, the ski resort also needs a short-term, fallback plan.

"We've got a very short window here," he said.

For that reason, the owners plan to put in place a contingency arrangement for temporary tents to provide all the needed amenities.

Food and beverage, ski school racing programs, lockers, restrooms — "It's all doable by temporary structures these days," Hancock said. "We're going full speed ahead in developing those alternatives right now."

Regardless of whether this season's lodge is temporary or permanent, "we'll have a great product for our guests," said Hancock.

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New museum hopes to mine local experience and talent

By MICHAEL DANIELS

With the splash of butts into the river Sunday noon, the Maine Mining, Mineral, and Gem Museum will launch a long-term outreach effort aimed at engaging members of the community with the museum and its activities.

"We plan several events this fall," said Jim Mann, "and a call to the community."

In terms of talent and experience, Mann said, "What a wealth of individuals we have here."

"We'll be looking for people who might want to be a do-

cent. Or volunteer in a natural-history setting. Do you have archival experience? Please let us know."

Mann will certainly be involved.

The museum, announced in July of last year, is on tar-

get for its planned July 1, 2012 opening, he said, and when that happens he will be closing the shutters of Mt. Mann Jewelers, which he opened in 1989, and moving down Main Street to serve as the museum's first curator and its art-

ist. He will also oversee the retail operation.

Three-building campus
A year after the initial announcement, the museum is shaping up to be an even more prominent Main Street presence than first envisioned.

At the time, the former Kennett Realty building, the middle of three buildings fronting Main Street on the block between Chapman and Vernon streets, had been purchased, but since then the abutting

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THREE-BUILDING CAMPUS
Developers of the new Maine Mining, Mineral and Gem Museum now envision a campus fronting the entire three-building Main Street block between Chapman and Vernon streets. They currently own the two buildings to the right, and have first refusal on the third, according to Jim Mann, who will serve as curator for the museum, due to open, July 1, 2012.

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PEOPLES VETO

To the Editor:

The petitions for the Peoples Veto - the effort to repeal LD 1376, the law doing away with same-day voter registration in Maine - will be available on Mollyockett Day on the Common. While the petitions will be at the Oxford County Democrats booth, registered voters are welcome to sign regardless of party enrollment.

Maine people have had the right to register and vote on Election Day for 30 years, and the result of this law has been that the voter turnout at election time is high and is a source of pride to our state. In last week's article it was clear that the clerks in this area favor Election Day registration. Those promoting this change have been unable to prove any abuse, and are instead part of a national effort, following the 2010 elections, to enact laws such as this. Maine people deserve better and the coalition organizing the Peoples Veto would like to give voters a chance to decide the issue on the November ballot.

Please call me at 875-2116 if you would like to sign the petition and are unable to come to the Common on Mollyockett Day. We have many people circulating petitions throughout the county, and one of them will be glad to stop by.

Cathy Newell, Chair, Oxford County Democrats County Coordinator, Protect Maine Voter Rights

RESPONSE TO A RESPONSE

To the Editor:

This is in regard to a response from John R. Davis to my letter to the editor on June 23. This letter pointed out an undeniable fact that should not be mind boggling to any rationale, that it was indeed the ineptness of the most recent Republican administration that spawned this nation's present day economic woes.

First, I would like to point out to Mr. Davis, that at 82 years of age, I never have been and never intend to be a staunch and irrevocable advocate for any particular political party, and as such, I am not subject to a blind allegiance to any political faction. I will always applaud and embrace that which is in the best interest of the collective average citizenry of this nation, no matter espoused by whom, yet will always take intense exception to that which I feel is not.

Mr. Davis's presentation seems contentious and wrought with vague unsubstantiated demeaning innuendo that could be conceived as teetering precariously on the threshold of ethnic and racial bias. The apparent rancor involved in Mr. Davis's presentation would not serve to enhance its credibility a great deal.

I would welcome a substantive dialogue with anyone who could enlighten me as to how the agenda and intent of the present day Republican-dominated House of Representatives could possibly be in the best interest of the collective average citizenry of this nation.

*Don Chase, Bethel
Discharged from the USMC in the year 1948
with the illustrious rank of PFC*

ART FAIR AWARDEES

To the Editor:

A beautiful day July 2 marked the Mahoosuc Arts Council's 22nd Annual Art Fair when 64 artists ranging from fine art painters to wood carvers, photographers and more gathered on the Bethel Common with great local eateries and live entertainment. Awards in best of show and honorable mention were determined by Judge Irina Kahn, professor of art and president of the Western Maine Art Group in Norway.

Best of Show Painting went to Irene Duplissis of Auburn for a watercolor of apples. Honorable mentions in painting were also awarded to Kelly Carmody of Melrose, Mass., for a portrait in oil and Jim Dover of Bridgton for a pen-and-ink landscape.

Best of Show Photography went to Rex Holsapple of Mount Vernon for a still life. Honorable mentions were also awarded to Ronald Simons of Readfield for a portrait and Doug Hitchcox of Hollis Center for a wildlife composition.

Best of Show Artisan went to Ken Jorgensen of Mexico for stained glass. Honorable mentions were also awarded to Heidi Wilde of Livermore Falls for a reverse painting of acrylic on glass of fish and Don Bolduc of North Conway, N.H., for a hand-carved and painted decoy.

A purchase award sponsored by The River View Resort was awarded to Ross Timberlake of S. Timberlake Company of Bethel.

FMI: go to www.mahoosucarts.org or call 824-3575.

*Aranka Matolcsy
Executive Director, The Mahoosuc Arts Council*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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WHY ARE THEY RIPPING OUT THE PARKWAY PLANTS?

To the Editor:

Some people are wondering why the Garden Club members (with the help of a few husbands) are ripping out the beautiful day lilies in the raised traffic island on the Parkway near the skate park, so here's the answer:

Large windmills are coming to Roxbury. But why are they coming through Bethel? Reed and Reed, the engineering firm that will be overseeing the transporting of windmills to the Record Hill windmill farm near Roxbury Pond, cannot route them directly through Dixfield because of work being done on the bridge there.

They must take another circuitous route: coming from Searsport, eventually traveling through Farmington on Route 4, turning left on Route 4 toward Livermore Falls to Route 219; then following Route 219 west to Route 26 and north to Bethel, turning right on the Parkway. At the Rite Aid end of the Parkway they will make a right turn on Route 2 toward Hanover. Passing through Hanover they will then turn left on Route 5 into Andover, turning right from Main Street on Route 120, going across the steel bridge and then left on 120 toward Roxbury and up toward the Notch, where they will enter their new road up to the mountain.

Whew!

This will happen three times a day, starting in August and going into October.

They will be making this trip with huge trucks hauling enormous sections of the towers and even longer windmill blades, which require a very generous turning radius at corners. As a result, many corners must be modified to allow the trucks to turn safely.

The Parkway in Bethel will have both of its raised traffic islands removed. The one at the Rite Aid end of the Parkway will be permanently removed, but the one at the skate park end will eventually be replaced.

So, the Garden Club (some of us nearing 80 years of age) are having to tear out the plants we have tended for many years and, hopefully, some of them will live long enough for us to replant them. The windmill people will replace the curbing and fill the island with dirt, but so far have declined to get involved with the restoration of the plantings.

So that's why the Garden Club folks are digging up the plants at the Parkway!

*Lida Iles and Lucia Schwarz
Garden Club members*

16TH SOURCE TO THE SEA TREK

To the Editor:

The Androscoggin River Watershed Council is in the midst of its sixteenth annual Source to the Sea Trek, a 19-day event during which intrepid paddlers tackle nearly the entire 170 miles of the Androscoggin. After a beautiful first weekend through Errol and into the Pontook Reservoir, all local paddlers are invited to join the procession as we stroke through the Bethel area. We do this each year to celebrate the beauty and revitalization of the Androscoggin, allowing people to experience it firsthand and encouraging them to see it as an asset to the communities on its banks. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, enjoy a fun day on the river, possibly see some wildlife, and be a part of a great cause.

On Friday, July 15, we will embark from Shelburne Dam to paddle to Gilead, and will be joined by officials from the US Forest Service to give a talk on the Weeks Act, which is the legislation that created the National Forests and is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

On Saturday, July 16, Jeff Parsons from Bethel Outdoor Adventure will lead a special afternoon paddle at 3 p.m. from the Gilead bridge into Bethel, which will allow participants to take in the Mollyockett Days parade in the morning and come out on the cool river during the hottest part of the day. We will enjoy a talk on the gems of western Maine.

On Sunday, we will be joined by a group from Maine Handicapped Skiing as we tackle the stretch from Bethel Outdoor Adventure to the Hanover Town Hall. We'll pick up again next Thursday, July 21 with kids from the 4H Camp and Learning Center and a discussion with Jeff Stern about his brook trout habitat restoration efforts.

The public is welcome to join each day, and with the exception of Saturday, we'll meet at 9 a.m. at the starting point of the trip and expect to be off the water at 2 to 3 p.m. Paddlers should bring their own gear and lunch, and shuttling will be organized, by the ARWC. More information and registration is available at the ARWC's website, www.androscogginwatershed.org, or by calling 754-8158.

Happy paddling!

*Jessie Seymour Perkins
Program Coordinator, Androscoggin River Watershed Council*

I WILL CERTAINLY LISTEN

To the Editor:

I was extremely pleased that Andover voters voted to raise the additional \$214,600 needed to keep the Andover Elementary School open. As a Woodstock school board director, I voted twice to keep Andover Elementary School open. Andover Elementary School has consistently been a high-performing school. I strongly believe that closing our elementary schools has significant negative educational, community and economic implications for our students and towns.

In the June 30 edition of the Bethel Citizen article about the passage of the SAD 44 budget, Andover Selectwoman Susan Merrow said that she thought the Andover voters felt that the "school administration is not willing to embrace innovation for the advancement of education in our MSAD 44 rural communities."

Susan Merrow and other Andover community leaders deserve high praise for rallying the voters at the last minute to save the Andover Elementary School. The criticism of the school administration and board of directors is misplaced though. Closing Andover and Woodstock Elementary schools has been on the table and discussed by the administration and school board for at least a year with full public disclosure.

I can't speak for the entire board as to their reason for voting to close. It certainly was not because the Board did not listen to the public and was anti-innovation. I did not hear any effective and innovative solutions rejected by the school board. I believe that the main reasons the SAD 44 School Board voted to close were economics and a strong survival instinct to protect the entire school system. This was perhaps the most difficult decision made by the school board that I have ever participated in. It was done with a lot of thoughtful deliberation.

Our economic challenges are not over. For all of our wealth in this country, federal support for local education has historically been very low. The state of Maine will continue, for the foreseeable future, to inadequately fund local education. That leaves the burden on local taxpayers. We have to convince our fellow citizens to spend the extra money to support our school system and keep elementary schools open. It will also be up to town select boards, community leaders, parents, and citizens to work collaboratively with the school board and administration to develop the truly creative solutions Susan Merrow states we need. I will certainly listen.

*Marcel Polak
Woodstock*

SHY, NOVICE & CLOSETED ART SHOW THANKS

To the Editor:

A large and gracious thank you to all 39 Shy, Novice & Closeted Artists who participated in the 7th Annual Shy, Novice & Closeted Art show. Each participant has a unique story of what it takes to make his or her way to this show. I applaud and appreciate each of your efforts, energy, and courage to bring your art to the viewing opportunity of others.

Thank you to those who helped prepare the space, and/or brought food, drinks, and flowers to make this a wonderful event. In addition, thank you to those who made your way to see this show, supporting and enjoying the works of the shy, novice or closeted artist of your community. A special thanks to those who helped make it possible to celebrate the art of the late James "Jim" Lowe, and to commemorate the life of Studie Cross through photos, drawings, and poetry.

Because of the participation of each artist and viewer, this continues to be a great art show and a wonderful addition to the art-filled day in Bethel with the lovely Annual Art Fair on the Common, the Art of Quilting biennial Quilt Show.

*Janet Willie
Bethel*

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 27

The First Years: Kristie Comes, Winter

I spent a peaceful evening reading. Miss Fan, I knew would be on the phone telling her friends of her adventures. B.B. got home safely the next day and at first could hardly believe my tale. "A horse like that," said I, "should have a name, even if you don't keep her. What do you think of Kristie?"

"I don't care what you name her," said B.B. "What I am interested in is getting some meat on her bones."

At mealtime we fed her scientifically, the proper ration of hay to pounds of body weight. Every time either of us walked through the barn she called for more and we gave it to her. She had extra grain, she had barrels of water to drink. Into it I put all the leftover juice from cooked vegetables that usually went into our soups. She ate carrots, potatoes and apples. The only garden produce that she did not like was squash and pumpkin peelings. All this time she seemed to feel well and able. T.R. owned a woodlot on the mountain adjoining our property. In the fall he had had some wood cut. This gave B.B. a bit of work after snow came, twitching the logs out and yarding them down to our field by the road where a truck could pick them up in springtime. Kristie had done this kind of work before. B.B. only worked her a short day, but she was determined to get the job done.

Often during the rest period she would give a great heave and start the log out of the snow before we asked her to try another pull. She would drag the log along without anyone guiding her and stop by the sled.

It was not a cold winter and the snow cover was lighter than usual. In the cellar we had found some dry wood, probably enough for fireplace fires for ten years during spring and fall. Outside by the pump house was a pile of logs not yet sawed into short lengths. These would augment the store in the cellar. The big Olds engine which pumped the water also ran a saw rigging. I volunteered to help. This was my initiation in forestry.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: An invasion of army worms marched into the Bethel area, taking over hay fields and ruining crops. About 60 acres of second-crop hay was lost at the Blake farm.

Members of the Bethel Fire Department tested the pump and hose of the department's recently purchased fire boat on Songo Pond.

The Pleasant Valley Grange presented its Citizen of the Year award to David Hanscom in recognition of his devotion to the betterment of the community.

Deaths: Dana Z. Merrill, Hugh H. Morton, David J. Smith.

20 years ago: Thirty two artists displayed their work at the second annual Bethel Area Art Fair.

The U. S. Forest Service completed a new parking area between two Caribou Mountain trails in Evans Notch.

Mountain Greenery greenhouse partners Leslie Kavanagh and Sally Sawyer were among 12 Maine residents featured in the Summer 1991 issue of People Magazine.

Birth: Colleen Merry Gorman.

Deaths: Eva Felton, David H. Darwe.

30 years ago: The Board of Trustees of the Bethel Savings Bank elected James Delamater as its President.

The Maine PUC approved the sale of the privately owned Bryant Pond Telephone Company to the Oxford County Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Ed Quinn was presented the Paul Harris Fellowship Award at a meeting of the Bethel Rotary Club.

Death: Leslie S. Estes.

40 years ago: The COMSAT Earth Station in Andover was constructing a new dish-type communication antenna to replace the original horn antenna.

Because of the dry conditions in the woodlands, no burning permits were being issued for fires in the White Mountain National Forest.

Births: Michael Lee Bailey, Lorrence Ann Hutchinson, John Robert Greer.

Deaths: Curtis Hutchinson, Edith Thurston Brown, Vivian June Baker, Mrs. Betty B. Foster.

50 years ago: The renovation of "Bethaven" in Mayville was progressing rapidly, and the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Wiese, expected to reopen under a new name by Labor Day.

The interests of the Van Den Kerckhoven family in the Bethel Water Company was purchased by Burton L. and Ida C. Newton of West Bethel.

Paul Wight of Newry was recovering from burns about the hands and legs which he received while working on an automobile.

Birth: David Roderick Dye.

Deaths: Ralph L. Moore, Miss Cecile Chapman, Maynard I. Largey, Mrs. Mary C. Selling, Fred B. Chadbourne.

60 years ago: Richard Douglass, Lawrence Bennett, and Neil Merrill returned home from two weeks training at Pine Camp, N.Y.

Birth: Nancy Lynn Farr.

Deaths: Pvt. Ole T. Olson, Christopher Bryant.

70 years ago: The home of Shirley Chase at South Bethel was burned in a two-hour fire.

Deaths: William R. Day, Dr. Catherine G. Briggs, Eugene M. Crockett.

80 years ago: Vermont cars were badly damaged in two accidents at Skillington, without serious injury to the occupants.

E.R. Bowdoin was re-elected for a three-year term as superintendent of schools.

Deaths: Mrs. Mabel Salls, George Stowell, Wendell Verriell, Rev. G. W. F. Hill.

90 years ago: New scales for public use were installed near the J. B. Ham Co. mill.

100 years ago: Elmer Trask of Middle Intervale was shipping hemlock bark to Boston.

It was advertised that the Middle Intervale School needed a globe for its students.

110 years ago: A Bethel Band was organized with E. A. Herrick as director. They met at the Corporation building Tuesday night.

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Pantry

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years. The Food Pantry is in the process of moving to the basement of the Bethel Nazarene Church, on Church Street. But a plan to relocate the Exchange to the basement of the Methodist Church has apparently fallen through because the space has significant renovation needs. The governing board for the Exchange was scheduled to meet last night (Wednesday) to decide whether to begin with phasing out the clothing operation. Meanwhile, said Food Pantry volunteer Dave Bean, plans are moving forward for the Nazarene location. Regardless of what the future holds for the Exchange, he said, "The Food Pantry will become a separate entity from the District Exchange over the next few months. Eric Stephenson and I will continue to take families by appointment only. I will continue to run the Food Pantry." The new pantry location will be 50 percent larger than Ethel Bisbee. "The layout will make it that much less cluttered," said Bean. "We are purchasing two new energy-efficient chest freezers and some restaurant shelving. We will bring over all the portable wood shelves from the existing Food Pantry. My hope is that we will be able to have more food on the shelves." As for fundraising, he said, organizers are pursuing several ideas, but he did not specify what is being considered.

Gas

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47.5-mile-long natural gas transmission system owned and operated by Portland Natural Gas. It was built to connect the Rumford and Jay paper mills with the system's larger 24-inch diameter natural gas trunk line which extends 272 miles from the New Hampshire/Quebec border to Haverill Mass. In giving Garner the go-ahead, selectmen recommended that the five-member ad hoc committee be diversified. They suggested it include members from the Bethel Area Businessmen Association, Bethel Conservation Committee, private citizens, and even a representative skeptical of the idea. They asked that the committee report back to the board in 30 days. The vote to go ahead with the ad hoc committee was unanimous.

Briefly

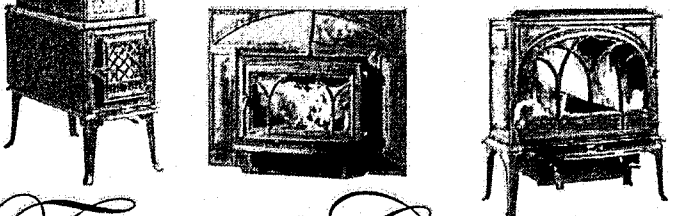
BURLINGTON, Vt.—The American Red Cross Northern New England Region has issued an appeal for blood donors of all types. It says the nation faces a critical blood shortage. While demand for blood products remains steady, donations to the Red Cross this summer are the lowest the Red Cross has seen in over a decade. All types are needed, but especially O negative, which can be used to treat any patient. The Red Cross Northern New England Blood Services Region provides blood to more than 80 hospitals and needs more than 500 people a day to give blood and platelets. The blood goes to accident victims, as well as patients with cancer, sickle cell disease, blood disorders and other illnesses.

CLUB AND ORGANIZATION NEWS

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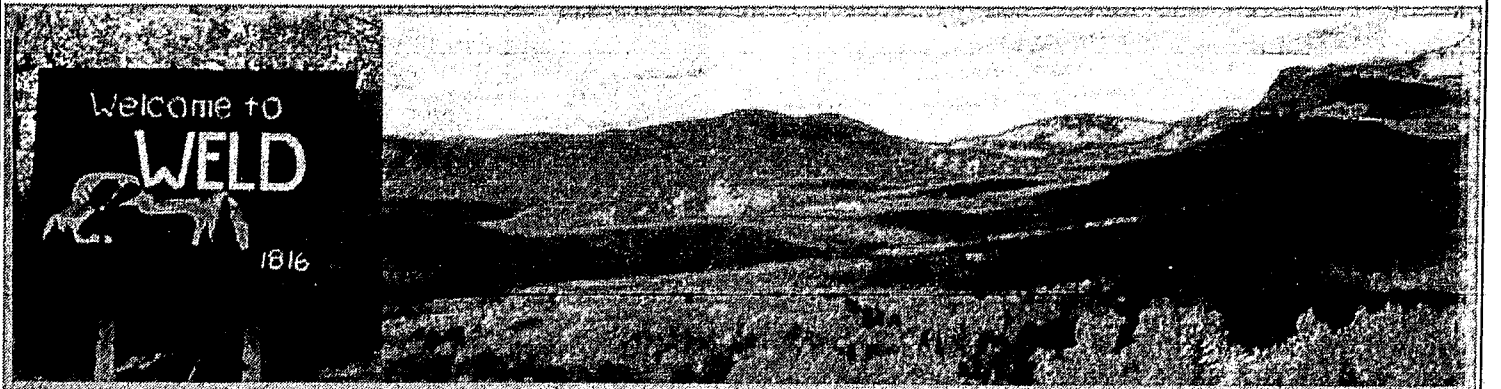
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Museum

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Telstar Video store (on the corner of Chapman Street) has been added, and the museum has acquired first refusal on the Michael Stevens' law offices (Vernon Street), according to Mann.

The video store is expected to continue in operation through the end of next year, he said, "but eventually we will have a three-building campus."

The past year has also seen major progress on the organizational front.

The museum will be registered as a 501 (c)(3) organization, and the final paperwork is being prepared for submission to the Internal Revenue Service.

A five-member board has been selected, Mann said, and top candidates for the director's position are being interviewed this week.

"We'll have selected a director within a month, two months from now," he said, and that will put some serious wheels on the wagon."

"Professional advisors" have also stepped up, Mann said, including from Harvard University and the Smithsonian Institution.

"They are signed on to do work on behalf of the museum — gratis," he said.

While these events have happened in the relatively short span of a year, the heart of the museum has been a work in progress for far longer.

That process began in 2005, when philanthropist and conservationist Larry Stifler gave Mann the go-ahead to begin assembling the collection, which now contains several world-class specimens, and in size and quality rivals Harvard's.

The process of assembling the collection also served to

reverse, in at least a small way, the loss of Maine's finest finds to out-of-state collectors and institutions with deeper pockets.

"All these beautiful things have left the state to private collections and universities," Mann said.

"Why they haven't stayed in Maine? It's simple — money."

Solid baserock

The costly prep work for the museum has been underwritten by The Stifler Family Foundation, managed by Stifler and his wife, Mary McFadden.

That bodes well for the museum's long-term future.

"They are very regimented about the long-term [financial] health of enterprises they take on," Mann said.

"The Stiflers don't start anything without finishing it with a deep future vision. They have a family trust that I think will ensure longevity for several generations to come."

For now, he said, the museum begins its voyage unburdened by debt.

"There's no one who's owed anything — just one person who saw a cause and acted."

'Let us know who you are'

Sunday's splash-off will include a tubing race from Bethel Outdoor Adventures to Davis Park, followed by a mineral-themed treasure/scavenger hunt along the pathway back to BOA (for more information, see the Mollycoddett Days schedule on page 13).

For anyone who would like more information about participating in museum activities: "Don't sit back and wait for the bus to start," Mann said. "It's started. We're looking for that talent pool. Let us know who you are."

Storm

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OUCH!—One of many Hanover trees downed by last weeks weather. See Hanover Column, Page 8.

(Photo: M. Dirk MacKnight)

Opening day for the ski season is Dec. 10.

Skiers and others interested in updates on plans may go to Mt. Abram's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Mt-Abram/157798163818.

Manager Kevin Rosenberg said Tuesday that people have been sharing sentiments and photos on the page, and have been supportive.

Action elsewhere

Last week's extreme weather led to an extremely busy schedule for area emergency personnel.

Two lightning strikes, heavy winds and other mishaps kept the Bethel, Newry and Greenwood fire departments scrambling.

Bethel responded to eight calls in 48 hours, said Chief Mike Jodrey.

On July 4 Mother Nature's fireworks, in the form of lightning, sparked a fire on Walker Mountain that kept his department busy late afternoon and evening.

The same evening, a report of flames on the south end of Songo Pond was received, lunch was traffic control for a broken down truck on Route 5, followed by a bulldozer fire. Wednesday morning was a fire alarm at CPS, followed by

The BFD typically averages 10 to 12 calls a month. The same thunderstorm downed many trees on Route 2 in Hanover, near the Newry town line.

Newry firefighters tried to be in two places at once — at Mt. Abram with a ladder truck, and on Route 2 helping with traffic control.

This past Saturday the BFD added to its call total when it stood by at the Greenwood station while that department went out on two calls.

Fire department auxiliaries were also taxed to provide food and water for firefighters at the fire scenes.

BFD Fundraiser

Anyone wishing to help support the Bethel Fire Department is encouraged to come to Saturday's Pork and Turkey Barbeque at the Fire Station. The barbeque was already scheduled as part of Mollycoddett Days festivities.



MT ABRAM LODGE, mid-1960s.

(Contributed Photo)

but when firefighters arrived nothing was found.

The BFD returned to the Walker Mountain fire Tuesday morning to finish the job. Then, said Jodrey, "after

a woods fire on Vernon Street in Albany, then a tree and wires down in West Bethel, and then the Mt. Abram fire [also started by lightning]. It was crazy busy."

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I am not much of a breakfast eater in spite of the fact that I know it's the most important meal of the day. I have certainly read enough nutritional type books to understand how one needs to get their bodies fueled and metabolism running by eating breakfast. I just never liked eating in the morning though the rest of the day is certainly not a problem.

I have tried to convince myself that the several cups of coffee I drink each morning while reading the morning paper constitutes breakfast. After all, recent studies have shown that coffee is actually good for you. The coffee bean comes from a plant, so I consider that a vegetable and I put cream or half and half in my coffee and that's a dairy product. There's two food groups right there.

Unfortunately, even though the java jump-starts my brain it doesn't really jump start my sluggish metabolism or provide a whole lot of nutritional value.

On those rare occasions when I chastise myself for such poor eating habits I'll go on a cereal for breakfast kick. My cereal of choice is Cheerios and has been for as long as I can remember.

I recently read a newspaper article (while drinking my morning coffee of course) that said Cheerios turns 70 years old this year. That's right; Cheerios first entered the marketplace in 1941 and has been a top seller ever since.

The plain yellow box of tasty O's started life on grocery store shelves as Cheerioats, but got shortened to Cheerios in 1945. The article does not say why.

Reading the article brought back such great memories of my favorite cereal that I put down my coffee and went to the pantry to see if I had any.

Sure enough, there was the familiar yellow box that has been there for God only knows how long. Since the box had not been opened there were no bugs nor were the little O's stale,

Happy Birthday Cheerios

I decided to have a bowl while I finished the story.

They tasted great and, oh, the memories of Cheerios and Romper Room School when I was a little tyke. And, oh, the memories of trying to force my kids to eat Cheerios rather than the sugar-laden other varieties.

My kids, probably like most kids, couldn't get enough Cheerios when they were babies and toddlers. I always felt okay about letting them snack on dry Cheerios and they were among the first adult food the little buggers ate and they loved them.

As soon as they were old enough to be influenced by television commercials for cereals like Lucky Charms with marshmallow bits and going coo-coo for Coco Puffs they lost their appetites for Cheerios.

I don't remember if Cheerios ever put toys in their boxes, but I do remember that so much of my cereal buying was based on the free toy in the box of various other cereal.

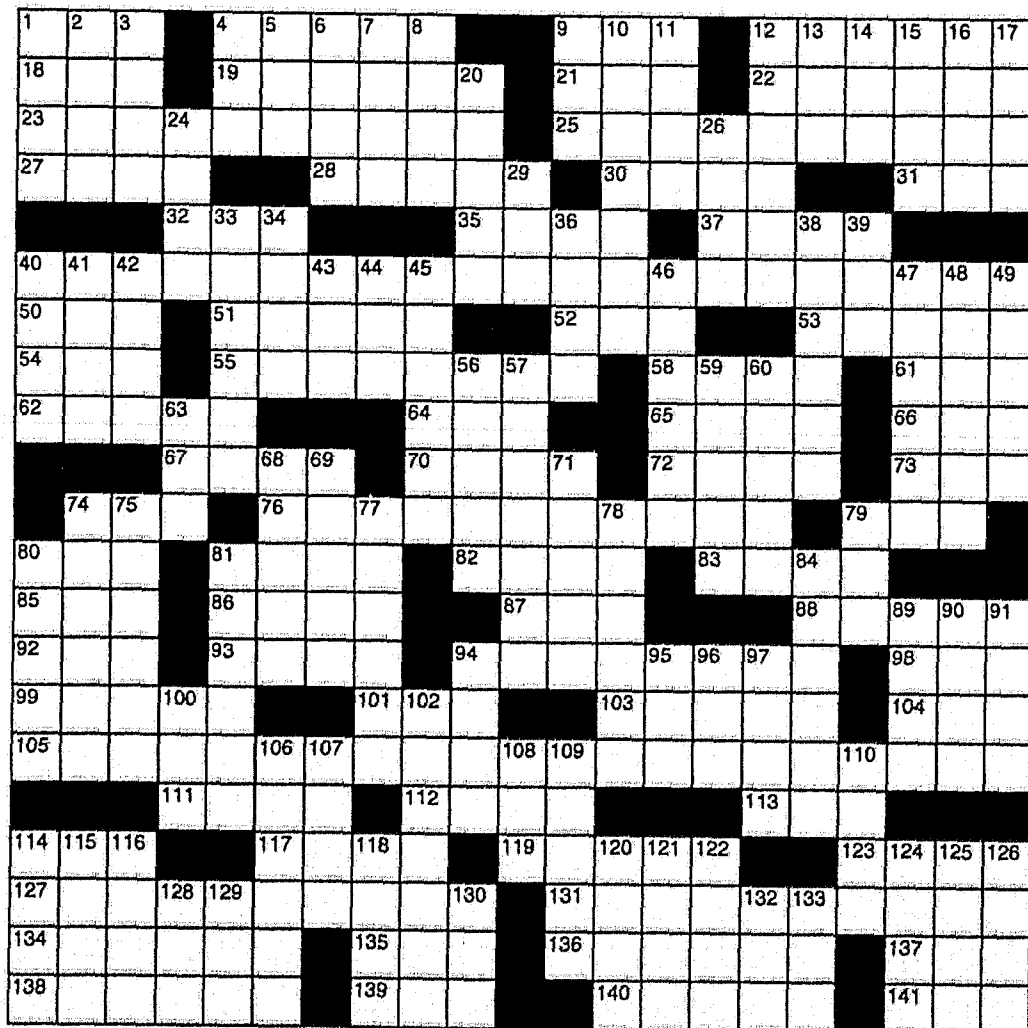
I really didn't want to buy the sugar-laden kind, but with such teasing and whining in the supermarket by one child or the other I gave in just to shut the kid up. Perish the thought that other customers might think that I was beating my child when I was only trying to get them to eat a more healthy cereal.

Back to the article; according to General Mills the way they make Cheerios is by heating dough balls and shooting them out of a "puffing gun" at hundreds of miles per hour. Can you imagine that?

Another interesting tidbit in the story is that it would take 3,155,525,416 Cheerios to circle the earth. Someone must have a lot of time on their hands, not to mention math skills to have figure that out.

It was an interesting story and I say Happy Birthday Cheerios. And the way I see it I should just put down my cup of coffee and have a bowl right now. So, until next time....Cheerio!

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 - 133 The end?



Super Crossword

'Step Saver'

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OCSD Patrol Log:

Wednesday, July 6

At 12:46 a.m. Deputy Matt Noyes and Cpl. Brian Landis responded to the East Bethel Road for a report of a domestic incident. The alleged victim was uncooperative and had already left the scene.

At 3:12 p.m. a complaint was received that turned out to be false. A warning was issued about it.

Thursday, July 7

At 5:28 a.m. a report was received of erratic operation on Route 2. Deputy Josh Wyman was assigned.

At 11:14 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and George Cayer responded to a noise complaint on Mayville Road. A group of teenagers and young adults were found at a campsite. Nine subjects were in the group. Three minors were summonsed for possession of alcohol by consumption, and one adult for furnishing liquor to minors. All the liquor and beer were confiscated. The parent of a 17-year-old minor was contacted.

Friday, July 8

At 12:09 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall took a late report of a domestic assault that had occurred two days earlier on Paradise Road. The deputy had probable cause to arrest a subject.

At 6:32 p.m. a caller reported a subject had pulled up alongside him on the Intervale Road and threatened to beat him up. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 11:22 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy George Cayer responded to Jonathan Clark Lane for a report of a domestic incident. Dallas LaCerte, 31, was arrested.

Saturday, July 9

At 12:29 a.m. Deputy George Cayer responded to Railroad Street for a report of three intoxicated subjects in a business.

At 6 p.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo and the Fire Chief responded to Mason Street for a report of an unauthorized bonfire. It proved to be a wood-burning barbecue, contained and under control.

Sunday, July 10

At 9:44 a.m. a caller reported ongoing harassment by a neighbor. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 11:05 p.m. Deputies Mike Halacy and Chris Davis responded to a residence for a report of a juvenile who had run away from home.

Monday, July 11

At 12:37 p.m. Lt. Tom Harriman conducted a follow-up on a domestic violence case on Paradise Road.

At 5:19 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to the Parkway for a 911 misdial. The subject was trying to call for a pizza and was not wearing glasses when dialing.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

July 7, 10 a.m.: Susan M. Jamison, 26, of Woodstock, DV terrorizing, violation of bail conditions; by Lt. Tom Harriman in Woodstock.

July 9, 12:23 a.m.: Dallas G. LaCerte, 31, of Brookfield, Mass., DV assault; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Bethel.

July 11, 10:30 p.m.: Dwayne A. Cook, 53, of Bethel, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy Matt Noyes in Bethel.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



A Sunday River Fourth
We had a grand time hitting all the spots in Sunday River last Monday.

Weather was perfect for a Chondola ride to the North Peak terminal although we drove through a strong shower getting to South Ridge. The views from the ride and the summit were absolutely spectacular. Our younger grandson did not believe us when at the top we could see the shower which we had just driven through. Young people know Twitter, iPod and iPad but they have little knowledge of natural events unfolding.

On our ride down we watched some of the Zipline adventurers and after getting back to the lodge we watched a new group harnessing up and getting briefed. It reminded me of the 34-foot-tower stage of jump school at Fort Benning 55 years ago. Similar to Zipline but you started by jumping from a tower.

We lunched at the Sunday

River Golf Club and went on to Frenchman's Hole. Passing by Letter S Pool there was a lot of family picnicking, wading and swimming going on. At Frenchman's Hole we found about the same number of people as at Letter S but older by one step up the ladder. While we watched, a girl and two boys attracted a crowd as they did some acrobatic dives from the ledges into the pool. I was lucky enough to get a photo of the two boys when they dove in together.

Names and faces in the news

Lucia Schwarz was at her summer Saturday morning post by the Life in Balance sculpture encouraging sale of raffle tickets for this year's Bethel Library quilt. Bruce and Suzanne Pierce and their Goose Eye Farm make up one of the feature stories this week. At the 50th mineral and gem show Randy Withers along with Hugh and Lin Chapman were keeping things moving. Adam Mahar of Andover is the student intern at the Bethel Historical Society. Tom Remington has a new Website - BethelConnects. Mark Harrington sent me looking for an old-time landing strip in Grafton. Mark Bennett and fami-

ly had a great day for a yard sale at their place on Mechanic Street. Christopher Garner, an East Bethel resident, presented a proposal to the Selectmen Monday night for creating a natural gas distribution system in the Bethel area for the main purpose of heating homes and public buildings.

Goose Eye Farm

At the Goose Eye Farm on the Sunday River Road in Newry, the Pierce family is working on a horseback riding ring and exercise paddock. They currently have three horses, one being a large Percheron draft horse named Jezebel, one Morgan named Moneeka and a Welsh Cob Pony named Siberian Snowbear. Their daughter Hannah is "in training" to gain equestrian skills, but the whole family is involved with farm animals.

Since the Pierce's, Bruce, Suzanne, Hannah and Reece, acquired Goose Eye Farm from William and Susan Herlihy in 2005, they have worked steadily toward making the farm a place of self sufficiency like the Sunday River farms of a century ago. (And buck the trend to the spread of house farms a.k.a. Subdivisions.) Currently they have eggs from

free range hens, 14 broiler hens that have already been put up in the freezer, 2 pigs for fall pork, a sugar house for making maple syrup along with a newly planted maple orchard of hybrid trees called Super Sweet Sap Silver Maples. They currently have the OK to tap trees on the neighboring Verrill property. The farm was named by the Russell family who owned the land and started a farm in the 1980s. There is a fine view of Goose Eye Mountain from nearly any spot on the 15-acre property.

Prior to the Russells building a home and barn, this section of the Sunday River valley had only one homestead on the river side of the road above Artist Bridge, that of Julia and Roland Fleet. Goose Eye Farm presents an extraordinary view itself as it catches the eyes of nearly all driving down Monkey Brook Road from the Jordan Grand Hotel and Sunday River Golf Course.

Goose Eye Farm's Taj Mahal is the horse barn built by Ed Daye for the Russells. Of all the buildings in the Sunday River valley, it is the "Finest Kind." Ed also built

Notice of Public Hearing

The Woodstock Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 6:30 PM to take comments and provide information on a 14 lot sub-division application proposed by Alexander Pires & Steve Nolan of Pires Mountain, LLC. Proposed

A copy of the application is on file at the Woodstock Town Office for public inspection.

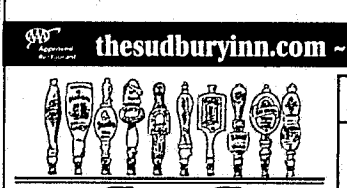
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the house for the Russells. Since the Pierce's have added a third house to their string Bruce has had to add another apartment (box stall) and a large store room for shavings for bedding. He also added another barn to the property which is labeled the "Old Man's Garage" where he tinkers and repairs the farm equipment. Native talent was bypassed to some extent since it is a post and beam style building shipped from Connecticut. Besides the two barns, the other new building is the sugar house. Here in the spring comes the deluxe brand "A & B Syrup." Sunday we tried out his syrup on waffles and can now mark it as "Like" in Facebook.

For more about Goose Eye Farm see The Bethel Journals/Farming/Goose Eye Farm.htm

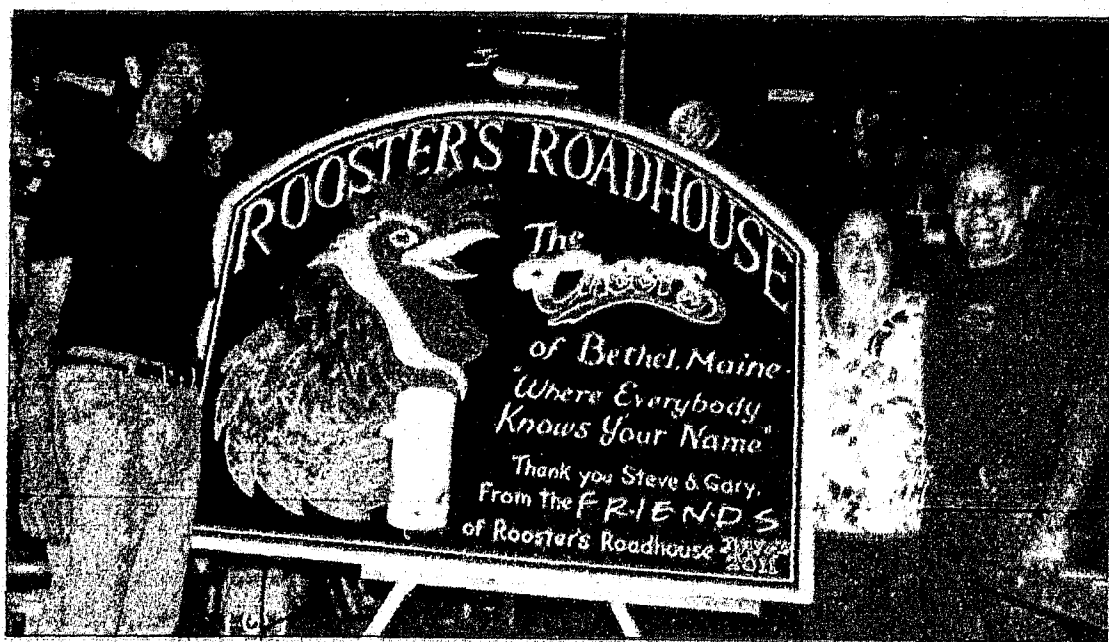
Oxford County Mineral and Gem Show

First attraction on entering was a panning for gold station. A young boy, Evan Elick, was panning away while I watched, as I turned away I got called back because he had a smile on his face and a particle of gold in his open palm.

At the entrance to the main exhibit hall (Telstar gym) I

picked up a brochure about the Maine Mineral, Mining and Gem Museum. Development of the museum now includes 24 major exhibits committed to the museum. What was news to me was the inclusion of the building next door, the old Odd Fellows Hall, as a part of the museum - one building for exhibits and one building for explorations. The owner, Larry Stifler, is using the brochure to compile a mailing list. The museum's mailing address is Larry Stifler, c/o Maine Mineral, Mining and Gem Museum, PO Box 500, Bethel, Maine 04217.

The show is the 50th annual show for the county mineral and gem association. The association has an informative Website at <http://www.oxfordcountymineralandgemassociation.blogspot.com/>. Lin Chapman had a lot to do with its creation. The association meets monthly at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. In March of 1948, a group of mineral collectors met at the home of Dana Putnam in Rumford Corner, Maine and organized the "Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association." The purpose of the club is to bring together people who are interested in mineralogy and geology, in hopes that by exchange of in-



SIGN PRESENTED—Owners Steve Etheridge and Gary Spira of Rooster's Roadhouse were recently presented with a sign painted by Ken Irons (left) in appreciation of their contributions to the community. Kate Carroll (at right in photo) describes how the effort to raise money for the sign came about: "Vivian Watts, who will be 91 July 31, is the mother of Jeff Watts (far right). In May she was visiting and Jeff and his wife, Lynn, who brought her to Rooster's Roadhouse for dinner. She was quite taken when everyone there at the time came up to her and introduced themselves. She sat back in her chair and said, 'this place reminds me of the TV show 'Cheers.' Her comment was the idea for the sign we had made for presentation to Steve and Gary." (Submitted photo)

formation and specimens that all people may benefit.

Last year Hugh Chapman was show chairman and told me that with the 50th coming up he planned to retire from the chairman's job. Randy Withee is the 2011 chairman. Mr. Withee says that he is a Pegmatite man. He lives near Nobles Corner on the Greenwood Road in Norway and is near mine BB 7. But he admitted he did not know what the BB stood for. Mr. Withee said that he found organizing the annual show was a little overwhelming - instead of just sending e-mail notices to newspapers and magazines about the show's date, he ended up in many cases having to fill out an online form with the information one at a time. But he smiled. That part is over until next year.

Kathy always seems to find something an exhibitor has on display that appeals to her. This year it was a necklace.

Oxford County Minerals and Gems to be featured at International Conference in Poland.

Van King, a native of Skowhegan (with serious Bethel connections), will be presenting two one-hour talks about Oxford County minerals and gems at the 1st International Mindat Conference in Lwówek 1 ski, Poland, July 10-17. Mindat.org is a website which ranks in the top half of one percent of the world's 200 million websites that are visited every day. "It's not Google," as Van says, "but that exclusive sounding percentage still means that a small fraction still represents about a million websites." Van is one of

30-plus management editors worldwide who monitor the input of information at the website.

Site of the conference Mr. King is attending is in western Poland and is southeast of Berlin, Germany. For Mr. King's full report: http://www.thebetheljournals.info/News/Van_King_Poland.pdf Bethel Connects.com

The remarkable Remington trio of Steven, Tim and Tom have launched a new website venture call BethelConnects.com. The home page has latest news, gas prices, scores and weather. Its current promotion is for the Sudbury Inn and in its Ads column Tim Remington has a house for sale. Right now according to Tom they are feeling their way along and encouraging new members to sign up.

Town Reports - Selectmen Meet

Big news: eight members of the public attended the meeting.

The Board voted to form an ad hoc committee to look at the feasibility of a proposal pre-

sented by Mr. Christopher Garner for establishing a local natural gas distribution system connected to the Portland Natural Gas Pipeline. This committee's scope is just the town of Bethel (East, West, South and Center). The Board also approved a Molloykett Bingo game for the Rotary to run. Selectmen Pat Carter and Donald Bennett were appointed to the Oxford County Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, which apparently is in the throes of re-generating itself and suffers from lack of public interest. Also this year Pine Tree's contract comes up for renewal.

Selectman Pat Carter was appointed to the General Assembly of Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, AVCOG. Other topics discussed were concealed weapons permits and foreclosed or almost foreclosed properties. The town manager had a list of more or less 15 properties that were in trouble or had made arrangement for installment payments.

In my opinion, "objective" is the key word. We do not need a re-incarnation of Heine Merrill to happen on this watch. On the subject of natural gas system development, Mr. Garner seems to have been talking with the Chamber but did not reference technical credentials of his own. He did not point to an example case of a town Bethel's size (5,000 or less population) as a model. Large building owners like Gould, the Bethel Inn and SAD 44 were interested parties, he said. In other words this is a horse whose teeth should be looked at carefully, one by one.

Next meeting of the selectmen is scheduled for Aug. 15.

Coming Events

June 15, 16 and 17, Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 2011 Androscoggin River Source to the Sea Friday, July 15 - Meet at 9 a.m. at the Shelburne Bridge in Shelburne, N.H., to paddle to Gil-ead (9.5 miles). Possibly the most beautiful segment of the Trek with great mountain views and wildlife. Saturday, July 16 - Partake in Mollykett Days festivities in the morning, then join us for an afternoon/early eve-

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The hearing will be held at the Woodstock Town Office Conference Room.

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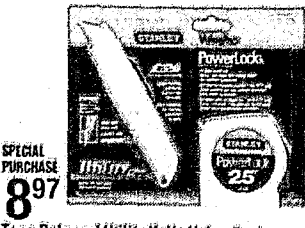
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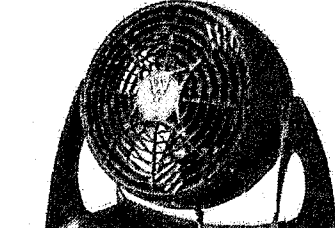
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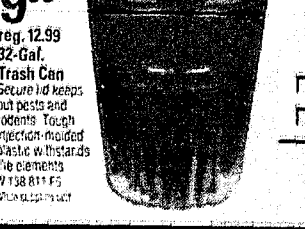


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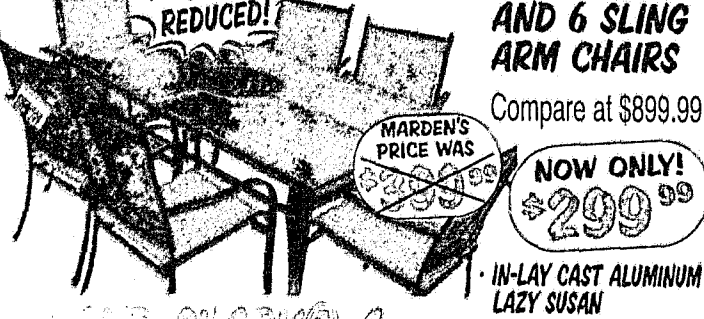
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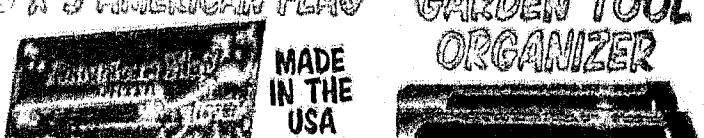
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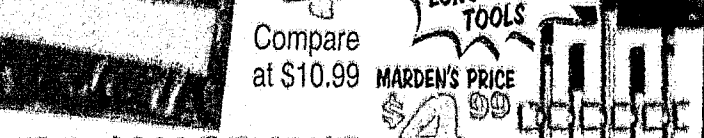
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July 16 and 17, Saturday and Sunday, Annual **Bethel Mollycodd Days Parade and Festival** Saturday: arts and crafts fair 9-4 (Saturday only), parade through Bethel village at 10 a.m., contests, raffles, entertainment, frog jumping contest, jewelry auction, pizza eating contest, plenty of food, fireworks and lots more. Sunday: foot races, diaper dash, tubing and treasure scavenger hunt, mini-golf scramble, lobster bake, and more. For complete schedule: www.mollycodd-days.com

Bethel History Club Social Networks versus Old Time Picnics For most of the 20th Century and before, family summer picnics or summer boarders at Bethel area inns like the Locke Mountain House and Poplar Tavern made for enjoyable get-togethers. Looking at some of the photos taken at these events raises a question: will the picnic survive Facebook and cell phones? Will texting replace traditional relaxed sit-arounds where eating, chatting and reminiscing created lasting memories and good will?

In my case, with two family home bases in Bethel during the picnic season, my summers were busy picnic ones. Places the Bennett family picnicked included Songo Pond near Daisy Kimball's Tea Room, Sunday River ledges at the covered bridge and on Bull Branch near the twin bridges; the Crosby family picnicked at head of the family's Red House, at Screw Auger Falls and the ledges below Artist Bridge. The picnic was actually a potluck meal out of doors. Some of the families came from Vermont, Massachusetts and Canada. At the heart of the gatherings was the fact that the pace of life then allowed for two weeks vacation and

time to relax.

As for the vacations at local inns, many of the guests came as family groups or were regular summer guests who looked forward to catching up on what other friends had done during the past year. Youngsters and teenagers looked forward to seeing their friends again as well. No one sat on the bank of Sunday River constantly checking their cell phone to see if a new message had arrived, while ignoring the activities and conversations going on around them. Men could talk about politics, hunting and fishing; women could talk about friends, family, libraries, and children problems and progress - not just a Tweet that says "Hey, I'm home now."

Adam Mahar

Last Thursday Adam Mahar, who is this year's summer intern at the Bethel Historical Society, was going through his check list of what an intern needed to know. Part of the check list covered using microfilms and scanning them to find answers to visitor questions. So I asked him to write a paragraph about himself (below) and why he wanted to be an intern. Adam, like probably all student interns in the recent past and future, brings with him a valuable skill that the adult circle of the BHS in most cases lacks, computer search skills and the ability to go beyond the books and written records on file in the research library

"Adam Mahar of Andover, Maine, son of Joseph Mahar of Andover and Anne Marie Mahar of Rumford is working this summer as the intern for the Bethel Historical Society. He is a rising senior at Telstar High School. He was drawn to the position by a love of history and the prospect of a new experience, and he hopes to derive invaluable practical knowledge from the escapade."

Grafton's airfield

Saturday afternoon Kathy and I went to Screw Auger Falls for a picnic lunch before going in search of a long-time-ago airplane landing strip in Grafton. Mark Harrington had told me about the existence of one

during the general period of the WWII years. Mark had emailed "it was parallel to Rt 26 and was clearly visible when I was a young boy (1950's) and we used to drive the loop from Rumford to Newry, Grafton, Upton, Errol, Oquossoc and back to Rumford. My grandfather who would do the driving would always talk about it and point it out. Years later, in the early 1970s I actually drove my car there, and got out and could see the pea gravel runway - nowhere near as much overgrowth as appears today. I am willing to posit the idea that if you went there and walked in about 75-100 feet you could still find pea gravel in places."

We stopped at the Grafton cemetery first, which it turned out was at the north end of the airfield. From there we drove to the entrance to the Popple Dam Road and took a photo of Rt 26 looking back toward Old Speck. Then we drove back past the cemetery and I did a little foot recon, very thick low growth but once inside that barrier I stood on ground that could have been the airfield. There is nearly 40 years accumulation of humus on top of what had been a runway so that plus 40 years of soft wood growth made verifying the spot iffy. It was a good trip. Then looking at a USGS map of 1984 based on 1981 photography, I believe we had the right spot.

Eric Wight told me that it was a 1950's era fire protection measure set up by the Brown Company. The year Eric had tower duty on Old Speck he saw a Navy helicopter land at the strip. It was there to rescue a climber on Bald Pate Mountain but wind turbulence forced it to abandon the mission. The climber was found dead.

Mark further added: "And in the era I remember that air strip as a boy, it would be Brown Co., that owned it, and perhaps later 7 Islands. I think that is who took over but Cole and Pingree were still in part involved in co-ownership of the land masses between Berlin and Oquossoc as relayed to me once by RIP Lee Swan, who forested many of those very woods."

From Nancy Brown:

Mollycodd Days are this weekend, July 16-17. One of the early events on Saturday is the annual Bethel Library used book sale, which will be set up at 8 a.m. and go until 6 p.m., on the lawn next to the library across from the Bethel Common. Another early event is the inside Flea Market at the Bethel United Methodist Church on Main Street. The event goes from 8 to 11 a.m. The complete schedule of weekend events is available online at www.mollycodd-days.com.

The United Methodist Church on Main Street will hold a bake sale on Friday, July 15, beginning at 12 noon. Friday bake sales will continue throughout the summer.

Victor and Melissa Young of Bryant Pond recently had as guests Laurie Young and Fredericka O'Farrell and children Zoey Rinkes, Gage Ragan, and Damian Jinkinson of Deer Lodge, Mont. While they were here, they visited Laurie's grandmother, Jane Young, of Bethel.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancycbrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH



Real summer heat has hit western Maine this week. With luck, things will have started to cool off by the time you read this. Right now, Monday evening, it is hot and humid and is expected to stay in the 70s through the night. I don't do heat very well.

Betsy Foster was in the library the other day and told us that she saw a golden eagle flying across the Greenwood Road last week. Betsy is a pretty reliable identifier of bird life, so I believe her report. We see bald eagles of ten in these parts nowadays, but not so much the golden. It is listed in Sibley's as rare here, but it does occur. What a thrill it must have been!

The fifth annual Music Without Borders was in full swing last week and this

week. We are privileged to have these talented international piano students here to learn and to perform at least four nights a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday) in the Trustees Auditorium at Gould's McLaughlin Science Center. And it's free! Do take advantage of at least one of their recitals; I guarantee you will be glad you did. Last performance is Tuesday, July 19.

Some of us have been taking turns having the piano students and their teacher for dinner on nights when they don't have to perform. Sunday night was our turn, and we had a delightful time hosting these bright young people from as far away as Russia and Bulgaria and as close as New Hampshire. Some of them have participated in Music Without Borders for three or more years, and it has been fascinating to watch their growth over the years, and moreover, from week to week during the festival.

This past weekend was the third annual Country Garden Tea and Tour, held in eight different nurseries, farms, and gardens in New Gloucester, Montville, Vassalboro, Wayne, Turner, Livermore, and Buckfield. My neighbor, Fran, and I took in three of those sites on Monday afternoon, visiting Hummingbird Farm and Sunnyside Gardens in Turner and Roundabout Farm in Buckfield. I came home with a new rose bush and a clematis vine, while Fran collected a smoke tree that has reddish blossoms. Now the fun begins: digging and planting in this extreme heat.

We could use a shower or two, as things are getting pretty dry. Mike is watering a different part of the garden every day to keep things from withering and dying. The last rain filled the rain barrel, but it's fast getting used up. We have been enjoying broccoli, lettuce, and summer squash so far. The raspberries look as though they will be ready to pick any day. We'll have to keep an eye on the cherry tree so as to get the ripe cherries before the birds do.

Don't forget the Pleasant Valley Grange flea market every Friday and Saturday this

summer. New merchandise is always coming in, and you will surely find that certain something without which your life will be the poorer. Besides, it will be a real help to the Grange in supporting their activities and good works.

Happy Birthday to our granddaughter, Molly Siegel, who is 17 years old today. We love you, Mollywog.

Still waiting to hear news from you at dhoe@megalink.net or 824-2917.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Boy, it sure has been a hot and humid week. Let's just hope that we won't see any more severe storms this summer.

On July 5 Tonya (Hebert) and John Lewis celebrated their 1st Anniversary though countries apart. Yet John still surprised her with flowers. Happy belated Anniversary to a very special young couple.

Paul and Kathy Hebert returned from Pennsylvania safe and sound. They had a great time visiting with Kathy's folks. Friday Lacey and Tonya baked a cake to celebrate their Mom's birthday.

This week there is lots of Grange news. On July 5 the Alder River Grange hosted Oxford Pomona with a good turnout. It was a bit warm that evening. The Alder River Grange will join the Pleasant Valley Grange and the Rumford Grange on Sept. 17 for Installation of Officers at the Rumford Grange. There will be a noon lunch followed by the Installation.

Here are the results of election of officers of the Alder River Grange held July 8: Master, Ruby Bryant; Overseer, Peter Haines; Lecturer, Ruby Bryant; Steward, Alvin Stevens; Assistant Steward, Nina Mollicone; L.A. Steward, Diane Howe; Chaplain, Nancy Mercer; Treasurer, Stanley Howe; Secretary, Nancy Mercer; Gate Keeper, Thomas Carter; Ceres, Dot Boyce; Pomona, Lucy Nordahl; Flora, Lynn Mason; three-year Executive Committee, Jack Nordahl.

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On July 16 the Alder River Grange is invited to the Open House by Rumford Grange at their Hall. They will be presenting the Citizen of the Year Award and a special award to one of their members.

Please, do feel free to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net any time. I always enjoy the great conversations and more often than not also the laughter which ensues.

In closing I'd like to share the advice Helen Keller offered about positive thinking. "Keep your face to the sunshine, and you cannot see the shadow. It's what sunflowers do."

Have a great week.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

There are so many things going on during the month of July that it just seems to be flying right by.

My brother, Steve McLain, reports that his garden is growing. Everything he planted is up and big enough to hoe up around. He has a knack for gardening. I can't wait for the green beans and the yellow beans.

Steve and Lise McLain attended the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Show last Sunday at Telstar High School. Steve was lucky enough to win an hourly door prize.

Hugh and I spent most

of last weekend at the Gem Show. We are members of the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association and work at the show each year. The show is set up on Friday and is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. Hugh used to be chairman, but this year he stepped down and Randall Withee from Norway is doing it. There were several local people who stopped by to check out the 16 vendors that were set up in the gym. Many thanks go out to The Bethel Rotary, who was the food vendor this year. They did a great job and the burgers were delicious.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Mary Tyler this month.

Town Office

There is a new screen door on the front of the town office, Fran Head, who is on the Board of Selectmen, was in charge of the project. It looks quite nice with the new flower bed that Alicia McLean put in.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Andover

By JANE RICH



Barbara and Orville Meisner celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 25 with a family gathering at their camp on Howard Pond in Hanover. Attending were their children and spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The amateur photography

exhibit and contest to be held in conjunction with Olde Home Day events has four categories: 17 years and older-color prints, 11 years to 16 years-color and black and white prints, 10 years and under-color and black and white prints, 17 years and older-black and white prints.

There are many opportunities to win a ribbon. Photos must be submitted at the town hall no later than Wednesday, Aug. 3. There are no exceptions.

Rules for entry: name and address printed on reverse side, only three photos in any one subject per person, do not submit a photo that has won in a previous exhibit. Photos may be entered at the following times: July 30, 1 to 4 p.m., Aug. 1, 5 to 7 p.m. and Aug. 3, 4 to 8 p.m. All photos must be picked up by 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 6.

For all of us who love flowers, our sincere appreciation to Foxgloves and Daises and the planting crew who this past weekend beautified the church, church sign, bandstand, town hall and stop sign area at Church Street with new flower gardens.

It's wonderful to see people come together for the betterment and beautification of our town.

The Save Our School Committee continues to meet on Thursday evenings at the Town Hall.

Please note the thermometer at the corner of Main and Newton streets which marks the progress of the efforts to raise \$214,000 to defray the costs of keeping our elementary school open for another year.

From Susan: "Please bring your TV, computer monitors and fluorescent bulbs to the Transfer Station this weekend, as there will be pickup next week. Thank you to everyone for cooperating with the Attendants, as the Transfer Station is looking great. Please remember that these items are not allowed in the brush burn pile: pressure treated wood, plastic, cardboard, composite wood furniture, Recycling and composting saves us all tax dollars, so keep up the good work recycling."

The Andover Education Fund met on Sunday evening and awarded \$33,772.00 in scholarships to 15 students. In other business, a workshop meeting was scheduled for Saturday, July 23, at 8 a.m. at the Christian Education Building. The main work of this meeting will be preparation for the annual campaign to raise funds for the scholarship program which benefits students entering secondary education who reside in Andover.

The Ed Fund is currently selling chances on a stippling drawing of the covered bridge. All proceeds will go toward scholarship programs and the drawing will be on Olde Home Day. The art work has been donated by Diana Wells Jackson, a former resident of Andover.

Yours truly spent a week in Tampa, Fla., as a delegate to the 28th synod of the United Church of Christ from July 1 thru the 5. There were 750 delegates from all over the country representing various conferences. It was a great experience.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Wednesday, July 6, started just about like any summer day in Hanover. It was humid and warm and

some folks were dreaming of jumping into Howard Pond. Shortly after 5 p.m. events were lining up for some big changes. The sky darkened as if night was coming. A breeze was stirring about and thunder rattled the hills. Then the storm hit with extreme intensity. High winds, intense rain and almost non-stop lightning pounded the area for about 20 minutes. As the rain and wind tapered off residents ventured outside. Within the storm zone damage was evident most everywhere. It was soon noted there was not much traffic on Route 2. Cars and trucks heading west from Hanover were turning around and heading in the other direction. The reason for that was just west of Hanover Village long standing pine trees near the Hanover Pines Subdivision and the Sunflower Farm had toppled onto Route 2 taking utility wires with it. The first recovery effort was to get Route 2 reopened and that took the work of Maine Department of Transportation, Central Maine Power Company, Rumford Fire Department and Hanover Logger Brian Gross. The storm zone was fairly narrow generally beginning near the west end of Top Hat Road and extending part way up the Howard Pond Road. The storm continued to the east of Hanover causing damage at Rumford Point and on to Rumford Corner with Route 232 being closed for a while. There were reports that a small camp with people inside was moved during the storm. Cars, tractors and roofs fell victim

to the storm.

Eric Wight lives on Middle Intervale Road directly across the Androscoggin River from Hanover Village. He reported watching the storm build in the Mahoosucs for some time before it started a very rapid move toward Hanover and the surrounding area with the high winds and intense rain. Eric has an anemometer at his home. During the storm he noted three peaks each measuring 75 miles per hour. Neighbor Jeff Watts from Mooselook Lane reported wind gusts over 100 miles per hour. There was a temperature drop of more than 20 degrees from start to finish.

Bill and Gail Worcester have returned home from a vacation week at Cathedral Pines Campground in Eustis, Maine. While there, family members visited.

In Rumford Grange news, this Saturday, July 16, will be the Grange Open House and Citizen of the Year award. A special award to a Grange member will be presented. The event starts at noon. It is open to the public. On Sunday, July 24, there will be a meatloaf dinner served at the Rumford Center Grange Hall starting at noon and ending at 1:30 p.m. Besides meatloaf there will be potatoes, vegetables and pies. The Grangers are busy this week cooking, sewing, doing needlepoint, and getting ready for the Worlds Fair in Waterford this weekend.

The Howard Pond Preservation Association held their annual business meeting on July 10, at the Hanover Town House.

The Hanover Planning Board met July 10 and discussed work in progress. The Select Persons will meet July 19, at the Town Office at 6 p.m.

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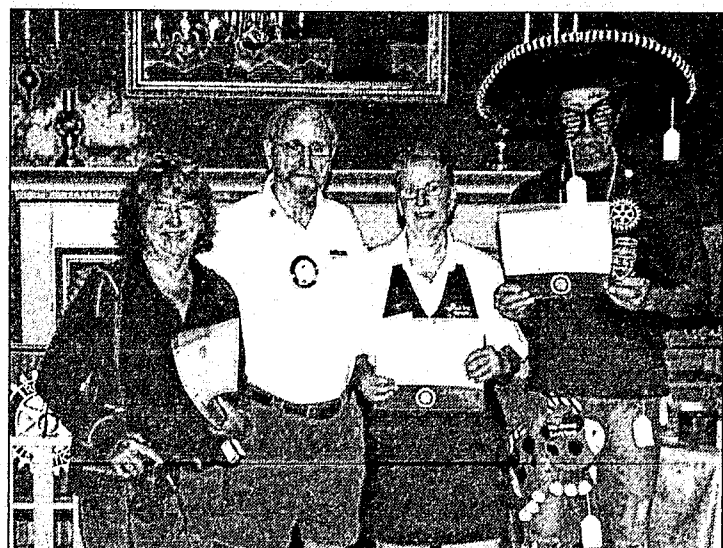
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Recently in Rotary



FRIENDS OF ROTARY RECOGNIZED—The Bethel Rotary Club recently honored volunteers who, although not club members, contribute their time to fundraising projects or otherwise provide support. Pictured are, from left: Carol Savage, recognized for her photography; Joe Arizzi, club president; Robin Williams, Bethel Inn waitress for club meetings; and Dave Freiday, for being there for Rotary in any capacity. (Dave is pictured over Auction/Yard Sale items).



APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Telstar High School's April Students of the Month were honored at a Bethel Rotary Club meeting. Pictured are, from left: David Murphy, Superintendent of Schools; Ellie Andrews, Bethel Rotary president; Joseph Holt, April's underclassman Student of the Month; Karen White, April's upperclassman Student of the Month; and Dan Hart, Telstar High School principal. The students are chosen by THS staff members for their community service and academic growth and achievement.



MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—Telstar High School's May Students of the Month were honored at a Bethel Rotary Club meeting. Pictured are, from left: Ellie Andrews, Bethel Rotary president; Jillian Rice, upperclassman Student of the Month, and Dan Hart, Telstar High School principal. Absent from photo: Alexandra Risko, underclassman Student of the Month. (Submitted photos)

sure to notice the new "Welcome to Hanover" signs now in place along Route 2. The signs were designed and painted at Brushmarx by owner Mark Beaudoin. The attractive signs replace older signs that were beginning to deteriorate.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Fourth of July weekend was busy for many of us. Mary Davis had a campful. Her great grandchildren, Area and Tayvin, grandchildren, Teddy and Miami, her daughters, Anne Marie and Perdita, Perdita's husband, Mike and Leo all spent some time there.

One of the highlights of the weekend for Mary was watching the softball game in Errol that included five members of her family, another was the fireworks.

John and Georgia Sweatt entertained six at the shack. Tammy Brown and three guests stayed the weekend at her camp.

Oops, the president of the Upton Historical misinformed me about the date of their next meeting. It will be held July 24 not July 17.

Twenty seven friends and

relatives attended Jes's birthday party and cookout July 9. The cake was good, the food was good but the most fun was the water balloon fight.

There were sightings of Margaret Mitchell and her daughter, Jackie this weekend.

No report from Charlotte on how well the yard sale went, but I do know that my friends and family that went found plenty of bargains.

The Upton selectmen met Friday for their monthly meeting. They tentatively set Aug. 25 as the date for a special town meeting to see if the voters want to change the date of the annual town meeting to sometime in the summer or early fall. Also discussed was the bridge at the end of Mill Road. It is in need of repair. The selectmen are not sure who owns it and/or who is responsible for its upkeep. They are still working on the layout for the cemetery and are trying to find a better way to keep records of plot ownership.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Tragedy struck the robin's nest under our deck last week. One day Mona came around the corner of the house after hanging laundry on the

clothesline, when she saw a baby robin (she thought at first) sitting on the edge of the nest. The bird had a brown and white speckled breast, white throat and dark head, and then she realized it was no robin. She hurried back into the house for her camera, and the bird was still there when she got back. She got two decent pictures of the hawk, which we think was a sharp shinned hawk. Needless to say, there was no sign of the four baby robins when I checked after Mona showed me the pictures!

Last Wednesday evening, we were returning from camping at Roxbury Pond, when we started noticing lots of leaves, sticks and pine needles as we drove south on Route 5, approaching Route 2 at Rumford Point. Then we met three vehicles, all of which flashed their headlights repeatedly at us, so I slowed down. Around the next bend there was a clump of large maple trees blocking about ¾ of the highway, but we were able to get safely around them.

A short time later, we noticed debris littering Route 2 near Hanover. Just west of there, the road ahead was blocked by stopped vehicles and a fire truck, flashing its red lights.

One of the firemen walked back and said that the road would be blocked for several hours due to trees, wires and a load of logs blocking the road ahead. He recommended we return to Rumford Point, and take Route 232 and the Gore

Road to get back to Bethel. We took his advice and started along 232 just across the Androscoggin River, when we again found the road ahead blocked by a fire truck with flashing red lights. A fireman told us that road was closed to traffic due to downed power lines. He recommended we try the East Bethel Road, I again backed our camper into someone's driveway and turned around again.

As we reached the intersection with the East Bethel Road, I hailed the driver of a car coming the other way. I asked if that road was passable, and he told me it was, if we "took it easy." As we were by now running out of options for getting home, I decided to try it. A short distance down that road, another clump of maple trees blocked just about the entire road, but people had been driving vehicles onto the shoulder and the edge of the ditch to get around the trees. I shifted into 4-wheel drive and eased around the tree and back into the road. Thereafter, we encountered lots of leaves and broken branches, but no more serious hazards to safe travel before we got home.

Last Sunday evening, I was hurrying around for some reason after supper and asked Mona if she would feed Shiloh. She made no audible response, so I went ahead and

fed him before going upstairs to change clothes. Shiloh emptied his plate in about 10 seconds. When I came downstairs after changing, Shiloh was eating food out of his dish again! When I asked Mona about it, she said, "Well, you asked me to feed him!" "But I thought you heard me feeding him before I went upstairs!" Well, Shiloh emptied his dish a second time just as fast as he did the first time! And I have been trying to limit him to two cups of food evenings and mornings because the Purina Puppy Chow bag says you should feed a dog that weighs 50 to 100 pounds four cups a day. We were feeding him a little more than that until I decided he was gaining weight too fast. He has a bottomless pit! Last Monday, he even ate the big hairy seed from a mango that I ate (crunched the seed into pieces and devoured all but a small slice of the hard crust.).

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



The dogs days have hit early. It is only almost mid-July and the days and nights are hot and muggy. Yesterday it was mid-nine-

ties. Tasha did not want to go out after 10 a.m. I got her back out at 3 p.m. Because we were going to the land. She came but not happily. I was excited to go swimming but the long-promised swimming hole was dried up. Next I'll have to go to the Crooked or up to the lake. The Crooked never dries up, but no one is mowing our favorite swimming hole and boots are necessary to get there. Maybe Dave will mow it this year.

The weekend was full. I attended the Norway Arts Festival. It was great having the street closed to traffic, but I missed the mid part of the festival - too long a walk. Maybe if it wasn't as hot, I would have had good walking shoes on and could have made it further. But the heat caused me to switch to my Teva's midday and they are too old too walk much in. Sunday, we worked at the Transfer Station and it was some hot. I used my misting fan to make it through. Tasha stayed home.

Thursday, the 14th ACA meets at the Waterford Library. We are doing a step study and are starting Step 7. We meet from 10 to 11 a.m. FMI call 739-9115.

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July 15-17 is the Waterford World's Fair. Gates open at 7 a.m. Exhibit Hall opens at 9 a.m. Admission is \$5 and \$3 on July 15 for Seniors. Events and exhibits all day.

Saturday, the 16th is Molykett Day. Parade is at 10 a.m. Call (800) 442-5826 for complete details. 3 p.m. is a lobster bake at the Rooster.

That is but a few things going on this week. Have a great week and don't forget the sunscreen and lots of water.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday evening, July 4. Final plans were made for the Senior Citizens dinner on Thursday.

Other business and program was held; next meeting is July 18.

Several members of Judith Grover tent 17 DUVOW traveled to Yarmouth to take part in the Headstone Dedication Services for Pvt. William Johnson, 1st Maine Cavalry of the Civil War. It was found that he had no stone. So one was dedicated on Saturday, July 2. Taking part in this service were the Anderson-Mayberry American Legion Post 91 and Auxiliary, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, members of the 1st Maine Cavalry and 3rd Maine Infantry.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Grange Hall on Thursday, July 7. A delicious dinner was served and Edwin Howe told and showed pictures of a trip he and Elouise took to the Grand Canyon. Next meeting is a picnic at Gordon and Joan Morgan's in August.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening

at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting. Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 18 to 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a family Vacation Bible School so parents are welcome with their children. July 23 is church picnic at Arlene MacKillop's. It was an interesting article on the church bell in the Sun Journal on Sunday. I had heard this story years ago but had sort of forgotten it. There was also an article in the Lighthouse Digest for July and August about it in more detail.

Ken and I celebrated the 4th of July with some family members at our granddaughter's home in Yarmouth. Some had to work but those attending the cookout were Beth and Steve Hoover, Joann Crockett, Ray and Kayla, Bob Hoyt and Mary Beth Hoover. It was a beautiful day on the ocean. Only rain we saw was on the way home. Clara Whitman has returned home from the nursing home. Good to see her back.

Sympathy is extended to the Berryment family in the death of Raymond Berryment.

Historical Society
Curator Larry Billings watched the Historical Society Museum on July 2 and five people came in. Ellie Andrews gave some things that belonged to her father. Larry had all the items donated lately out on exhibit. The society has had a lot of these lately. Do visit some Saturday this summer from 1 to 4 p.m.

Lakes Association offers lake use guidelines

During the summer our lakes and ponds are used by many people for many reasons. Some folks fish, some swim, some water ski or tube, and some even work on the ponds. Most of the time everyone gets along fine and without incident. However, we have heard concerns about danger between swimmers and boats pulling water skiers/tubers.

There are a number of people in this area who swim long distances on the lakes and ponds. There are also a number of boats pulling water skiers/tubers. Each needs to watch out for the other so we can avoid a tragedy.

Distance swimmers - please plan your swims during off-times when there are not a lot of power boats going up and down the lake; swim nearer shores and not in the middle



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of the lake; and wear bright swim caps. Even better, swim with a group. Bear in mind that boaters may not be able to see you if you are mid-lake.

Power boats - please watch out for and be aware of swimmers who may be in all parts of the lake; obey the law that requires there be someone in the boat watching forward and another person keeping an eye on the skier/tuber; and stay away from shores.

Maine law states that watercraft towing a person or persons on water-skis, surfboards, etc., are not allowed within 200 feet of any shoreline, whether the shoreline of the mainland or of an island.

Awareness of the above is especially important for friends or family who may be here only for a short time and decide to swim the length of a pond or take your boat out. They may not be aware of these concerns and laws. If we all work together, we can have a safe and fun time on and in the water.

For more information about the Community Lakes Association, please go to www.communitylakesassociation.org.

Bethel Library fundraiser successful

The Bethel Library's 2010-2011 Annual Giving Campaign raised \$12,060, going over this year's goal of \$12,000. The campaign, which ended on

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WMNF Free Summer Programs

The White Mountain National Forest is hosting a variety of free programs in the North Country July and August for the public to enjoy. The Wednesday Night with a Ranger series, in partnership with the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), will take place each Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center. On Saturdays at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), the White Mountain Interpretive Association will sponsor Dolly Copp (DC) Campground Programs in the site's historic Civilian Conservation Corps building. Programs are approximately one hour in length and include time for conversation about the evening's topic or any other National Forest issue.

Each week offers new opportunities to learn about the natural world, investigate current and historical events, and discuss the management of your National Forests. Rebecca Peterman kicked off the season with

"Moose; Monarch of the North Country" on the July 2. Saturday evening programs also take place at the Russell Colbath House, Russell Pond Campground, Campton Campground, and Weeks State Park. For a complete listing of free campground programs visit the White Mountain National Forest website at: www.fs.fed.us/r9/white or contact the Androscoggin Ranger Station at (603) 466-2721.

These evening programs are part of a coordinated regional effort celebrating the Weeks Act Centennial and honoring the tradition of conservation and partnerships exemplified by the act. To find out about other Weeks Act Celebration events, visit www.WeeksLegacy.org.

Saturday evening programs at Dolly Copp Campground Visitor Center at 7 p.m.:

July 16: Bindles, Gutrobbes, and Beans Everlasting with Historian Dick Fortin

July 23: One Hundred years of Conservation: The Weeks Act and The White Mountain National Forest with Forest Archeologist Terry Fifeid.

July 30: Introduction to the Night Sky with Matthew Krug (Begins at 8 p.m.).

Aug. 6: Ghosts of Mount Washington with Storyteller



NEW 4-H CAMP LODGE DEDICATED—The Bryant Pond 4-H Camp dedicated its new Lakeside Lodge Saturday. Pictured are, from left: Harold "Brownie" Brown, president of the Board of Directors; Mary McFadden and Larry Stiffer from the Stiffer Family Foundation; and Suzanne Grover, vice president of the Board of Directors. The Stiffer Family Foundation sponsored the construction of a museum display room in the new building.

(Contributed photo)

Joan Veilleux.

Aug. 13: Yankee Lumberjack with Historian Dick Fortin

Aug. 20: Dolly Copp of Pinkham Notch with Naturalist Carol Foord. Aug. 27: Recreational Mineral Collecting on the White Mountain National Forest with Forestry Technician Elaine Swett.

Wednesday Night with a Ranger at Pinkham Notch Visitor Center at 8 p.m.:

July 20: The US Forest Service and Climate Change with Forest Ecology Team Leader Roger Simmons.

July 27: Moose: Monarch of the North with Rebecca Peterman.

Aug. 3: Who Put These Rock Steps Here? Trail Building on the White Mountain National Forest with Saco District Trails Manager Cristin Bailey.

Aug. 10: Flintknapping: the Ancient Art of Making Stone Tools with Forest Archeologist Terry Fifeid.

Aug. 17: The Lasting Legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps with Assistant District Ranger Jake Lubera.

Aug. 24: Be Bear Aware: Living with Ursus americanus with Babette Eddy.

Aug. 31: White Mountain CSI: An investigative look at your forest with Forester Steve Bumps.

The Hall is bulging at the seams getting ready for our largest Hall and Yard and Bake Sale ever July 30. We have a large amount of material and quilting supplies, some antique items, ham radio equipment, old hand tools, small amount of furniture, books, etc. For more information, contact Betty Jones (674-250).

Golf tournament to benefit vets

The Western Maine Veterans' Advisory Committee (WMVAC) is sponsoring a golf tournament at the Fair-lawn Golf Course in Poland. Aug. 24. A shotgun start will open the competition which is a scramble format at 10 a.m. The tournament that will benefit the activities fund at the Maine Veterans' Home of South Paris. All funds received from this event will be used exclusively for activities and needs of the residents of the 90-bed facility. For more information about the tournament, please call 744-9156.

West Paris Historical Society meets

We will be holding our regular July 18 meeting at the Hall with a little different flare. We will have a mini picnic outside and everybody bring their own sandwiches, etc., and there will be coffee and punch to drink. After the picnic we will open the Museum and have a Reminiscence Night, and we get to compliment our curators, Elaine and Norman Emory for the great job they have done the past few years. This is open to anyone that wants to come.

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Western Maine Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

By Lin Chapman

The Western Maine Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show was held at Telstar High School this past weekend. This was the 50th anniversary of the show so the theme was gold. There were 16 vendors set up in the gym and selling a wide variety of items that included mineral specimens, fossils, and beautiful jewelry. There were museum quality displays and gold panning, sluicing and lapidary demonstrations.

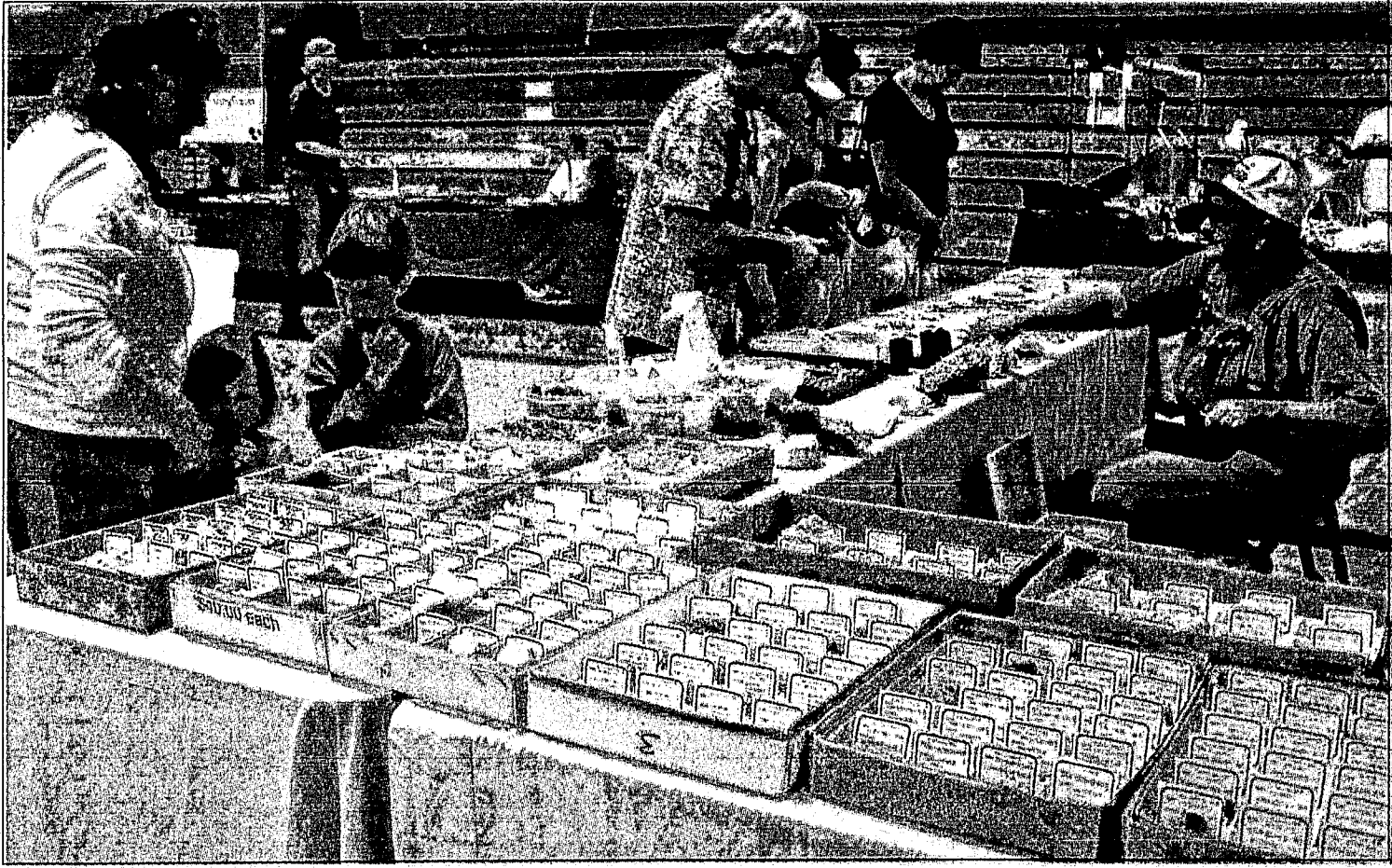
Every adult that came to the show was entered into a drawing for the Grand Door Prize. The Grand Door Prize was a Golden Beryl Pendant (donated by Duane and Nancy Leavitt of Buckfield). The winner was Keith Behan of Bethel. The Special Door Prize was a Peridot Pendant (donated by Dennis and Dale Brown of Bridgton) and that was won by Alison Valley of Bryant Pond.

Children under 12 years old were free, but were given a gold token to 'purchase' a grab bag. They also got a chance to spin the wheel to win a mineral specimen.

In keeping with the gold theme, every 50th customer was presented with a gold dollar coin. The first winner on Saturday morning was Archie Woo from Michigan. He was very excited about winning and was laughing about having let his wife come through the door ahead of him or she would have been the winner. He then said, "Now, I will have to buy her something really nice!"

The Gem Show is always held on the second full weekend of July. There are lots of interesting things to see and do. This year besides the spinning wheel and silent auction, there was the sluicing demonstration behind the gym.

Each year the show is bigger and better. Something new is added. Be sure to check out the show next year. If you are interested in joining the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association, the e-mail address is oxfordcountymineralandgemassoc@gmail.com. On the web, you can visit www.oxfordcountymineralandgemassociation.blogspot.com



Clockwise, from top left: Evan Elick pans for gold at a demonstration by Kandi and John Ward; young and old look over the displays of Norm Davis of Newry; a lighted display; Alison Valley from Bryant Pond, who won the Special Door Prize; Archie Woo, first winner of a gold coin.

(Photos: panning, Don Bennett; winners, Lin Chapman; others, A. Aloisio)

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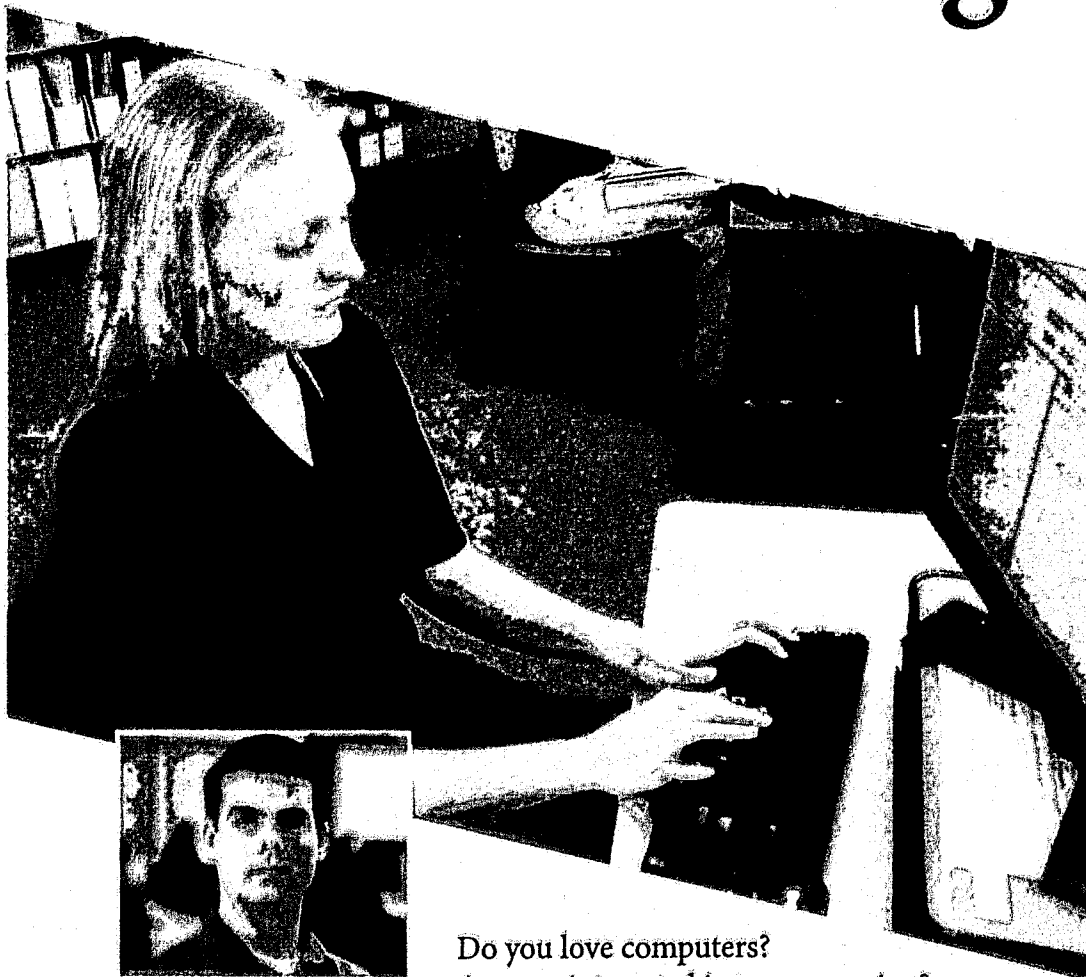
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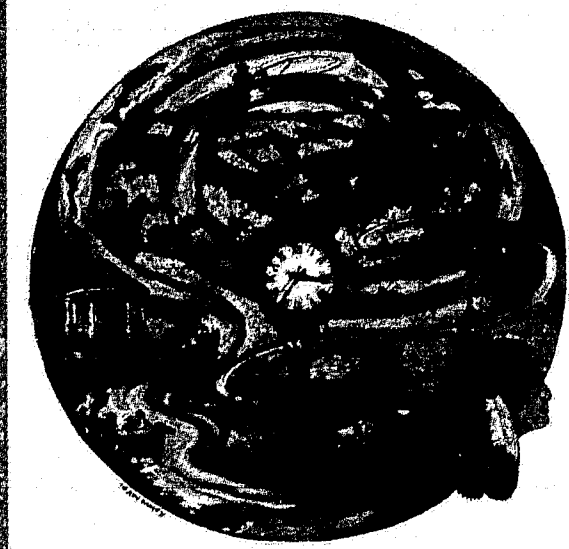
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July 16 & 17, 2011

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 16

- 7-10 am **Pancake Breakfast**
Masonic Hall to benefit Telstar Project
Graduation. \$5 / under 10 free.
- 7-10 am **All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast at The
Bethel Inn Resort**, just \$8.95!
- 8 am-6 pm **Bethel Library Book Sale on the library lawn.**
- 8-11 am **Flea Market at the Bethel Methodist Church,
Main Street.**
- 9 am-5 pm **Arts & Crafts Fair vendors on the common.
Stop by the Chamber tent for:**
 - Celebrating Our Rivers' raffle tickets
 - Mollykett Days schedules
 - Mollykett Days Sunday Road Races registration forms
 - Mollykett Poster Prints
 - Lobster rolls
 - General Information
 - Cabot Cheese Tasting
 - Sunday Lobster Bake Tickets
- 10 am **Parade - Theme "Our River Runs Through It."
The parade will feature Miss Mollykett,
Victoria Forkus, business and community
floats, Crusher, the Maine Red Claws
Mascot will be in the parade and circulating
on the Common greeting basketball fans.,
and more**
- 11:30 am **Children's Entertainment - "The Amazing
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by Bethel Rotary Club.**
- 11:30 am **Guided One-hour Walking Tour of Historic
Bethel Hill. Meet at the bell on the north end
of the common**
- Noon **Pork and Turkey Barbeque
at Bethel Fire Station**
- 12:30 pm **Presentation of Miss Mollykett and parade
prizes awarded**
- 12:30 pm **Leap for the Lord Potato Sack Race on the
Bethel Fire Station lawn, compliments of
Pleasant Valley Bible Church**
- 12:30-
3:30 pm **FREE horse-drawn wagon rides provided by
Deepwood Farm, sponsored by Ski Esta.**
- 1 pm **Frog Jumping Contest
sponsored by Pete & Vicki Rackliffe**
- 1-4 pm: **Guided Tours of the Moses Mason House
across the street at the Bethel Historical
Society.**
- 1-1:45 pm **Imari & the Sahara Desert Dancers
belly-dancing demonstration at the gazebo.**
- 1:45-2 pm **Zumba demonstration at the gazebo**
- 2-5 pm **Skateboard Park activities**
- 2:30 pm **Music (jazz) by Jim McLaughlin & Friends,
sponsored by CB Kenworth.**

- 3-8 pm **Day 6 of Source to the Sea Trek from Gilead
& Bethel. Join friends of Androscoggin River
Watershed Council for an afternoon/early
evening paddle before the fireworks. Meet at
3:00pm in Gilead at the river access point off
Bridge Street. Take-out is at Bethel Outdoor
Adventure in Bethel. Register online at
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- 4 pm **Jewelry & Gem Auction. Unique pieces will be
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Mann Jewelers.**
- 5 pm **Pizza Eating Contest at Homeslice Pizza's
booth on the Bethel Common. First person to
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- 6-9 pm **Open-mic compliments of local musicians,
Telstar High School & Gould Academy students**
- 9 pm **Fireworks behind The Bethel Inn Resort over
the golf course**

Sunday, July 17

- 6:30-
7:30 am **Registration and check-in opens for
Mollykett Days Classic Road Races,
sponsored by Kennett Realty and Michael T.
Steven & Associates**
- 7:30 am **Registration and check-in closes!**
- 8 am **Children's 1 mile run**
- 8:30 am **Adults' 5 mile run & 3 mile walk**
- 9 am-3 pm **Source to the Sea Trek from Bethel to
Hanover. Meet at 9am at Bethel Outdoor
Adventure on Rt. 2 in Bethel.
www.androscogginwatershed.org**
- 10 am **2nd Annual Mollykett Days Diaper Dash
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- 10:30 am **Race Awards**
- Noon **"Tubing & Treasure" Scavenger Hunt - for
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- 3-6 pm **First Annual Mollykett Days Lobster Bake.
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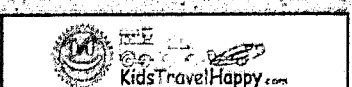
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Tracy A. Brown to Richard W. and Karrie L. Yost of Hampton Falls, N.H., land and building at 44 Fire Lane 864, \$85,000, May 4, 2011.

David R. and Maiki Gray to Daniel G. Dean of Acton, Mass., 6 acres of land on Cross Road, \$16,000, May 4, 2011.

Robert W. Duplessie to Timothy and Janet Gallagher of Windham, 4 acres of land at Lot 29, East Andover Road, \$30,000, May 18, 2011.

BETHEL

Duncan MacDougall to Michael and Eva Merritt of Scarsdale, N.Y., land and building at 31 Park Street, \$200,000, April 8, 2011.

Mary Sweatt to Jack and Susan Cross of Bethel, 6.3 acres of land, at 14 West Bethel Road, \$72,000, April 28, 2011.

David North to Hideko Nakajima and David Perreault, land and building, Lot 1, Winter Park Subdivision, \$273,000, April 29, 2011.

Michael E. Berenberg to Kevin and Suzanne Ball of Englishtown, N.J., land and building at 5 Bear Point Road, \$175,000, May 5, 2011.

Thomas Parsons to Peter and Diane Parsons of Bethel, land and building at 46 Baker Point Road, \$65,000, May 6, 2011.

Savage Land Development to Richard Colvin and Helen Raynham of Winchester, Mass., land and building at 81 Oak Ridge Road, \$378,850, May 10, 2011.

John Bishop and M. Eugenia Julio-Bishop to Michael Cimmino of Danvers, Mass., condominium in Fairway Townhouse, \$165,000, May 13, 2011.

Cynthia Bush to Sach LLC of Paris, Maine, land at 14 Park Street, \$180,000, May 27, 2011.

GREENWOOD

Dennis and Judith Landry to Michael Favreau of Lewiston, unspecified, (Map U1, Lot 35), \$50,000, April 29, 2011.

Molly Sjoberg to Central Maine Equipment of West Paris, 69.7 acres at 24 Kennedy Lane, \$60,000, May 11, 2011.

Core Value LLC, to Bald Bluff Forest LLC, land, East Greenwood Road, \$600,000, May 12, 2011.

Gordon Brown to Dube Design & Construction of Dayton, Maine, land on Branch Drive, \$45,000, May 13, 2011.

Jeffery and Katherine Johnson to Thomas and Carla Casara of Contoocook, N.H., unspecified, 848 Patch Mountain Road, \$2.00 [Note: \$2.00 is the price entered on the tax declaration], May 20, 2011.

Jane Ryerson to Eleanor Jordrey of Bethel, 1.2 acres at 521 Vernon Street, \$25,500, May 23, 2011.

Core Value LLC to Long Mountain LLC of Winston-Salem, N.C., land (Map 15, Lot 1), \$2,825,000, May 27, 2011.

Elwin and Shirley Cole to Patricia Weigel of Falmouth, Mass., unspecified, 18 Charlotte's Lane, \$210,000, May 27, 2011.

WOODSTOCK

John and Norma Simpson to Terrance Magee and Diane Dupuis of Paris, unspecified, 61 Rumford Ave., \$129,000, February 25.

Alice Bitwood to Harold House of Hope Valley, R.I., land and building (Map5, Lot 46), \$1,063, March 1, 2011.

Kimberly White to Harold House of Hope Valley, R.I., land, (Map5, Lot 46), \$1,063, March 1, 2011.

Phillipe Gut and Gwen Pratt-Gut to George and Elaine Boulger of Whitman, Mass., condominium in Lake Christopher Condos, \$137,000, March 15, 2011.

Ronald Deegan to Uljas and Leighann Murphy of Zionville, N.C., 35.8 acres, 105 Anderson Road, \$75,000, March 24, 2011.

Northeast Bank to Jim Cole LLC of Rumford, "other" at 41 Twitchell Road, \$20,000, April 20, 2011.

Stephen and Debora Bedell to Carlos and Maria Cabral of Taunton, Mass., unspecified, 1305 Redding Road, \$60,000, April 22, 2011.

Newry reported no new transaction for the most recent period.

About the listings: The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction descriptions and prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive and be filed for several weeks after the purchase closing dates.

Maine Mortgage Rates

Type	Current	Last Month
30-year fixed	4.39%	4.31%
15-year fixed	3.54%	3.54%
5/1 ARM	2.84%	2.77%

As of July 11, 2011 — From: Zillow.com

July 2011 Market Update

Susie Dixon
dixonrealtykw.com
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Realty Mid Maine

The U.S. housing market has shown increased stability in home sales during 2011 compared to the previous year. The trend has been an upward one since the expiration of the tax credit last summer. Home prices have softened, particularly earlier this year, due to a higher-than-normal number of distressed sales. However, both the percentage of distressed sales and the amount of time they spend on the market has decreased in recent months, a positive sign for the market moving forward. In fact, prices have steadily followed a positive monthly trend since February. Mortgage defaults have also declined lately.

While interest rates continue to break new record lows, the number of buyers who are able take advantage of these savings is restricted by tougher underwriting standards for mortgages. 40% of the banks surveyed by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency tightened lending standards for mortgages within the past year. In his second press conference, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke stated that a quicker foreclosure process and additional home price stabilization are key to boosting confidence in the market and bolstering a more robust recovery in the housing sector.

As the economy improves, stimulus efforts by the government and the Fed will most likely continue to wind down, which typically spurs rising interest rates to keep inflation in check. Although inflation has been the source of recent concern, the Fed appears confident it will remain in check for the near term. Meanwhile, buyers continue to benefit from historically favorable buying conditions, and sellers are encouraged by increased market stability.

An Expert's Guide To Hardwood Flooring



is recommended over solid in wide plank applications. Depending on the thickness of the wear layer, an engineered floor will perform in much the same way same as a solid floor.

Hand Scraped Hardwood flooring

With this type of flooring - available in solid or engineered, unfinished or prefinished - the manufacturer hand scrapes each piece of flooring to mimic the look of an old, worn floor. This look is most popular in wide planks for that "old world" charm. But a word of caution - to refinish these floors, all the detail will be removed in sanding.

Care and Maintenance

Care and maintenance of hardwood flooring is easy; often just a matter of common sense. Follow these simple guidelines and your floors will last a lifetime, providing the warmth and feel only real hardwood can offer.

1. Water is a hardwood floor's worst enemy. Clean up spills immediately. Do not use a damp mop or oil-based soap. Always check with the flooring manufacturer for recommended cleaning products.
2. Sweep hardwood floors regularly. Dirt and dust can grind into the finish. Consider doormats at every entrance - rugs in high traffic areas.
3. Sunlight can be harmful and can drastically change the color of the wood. Consider sheer drapes, curtains or blinds to limit direct sunlight.
4. Shoes can also cause damage. High heels can dent. Small stones can scratch. Consider leaving shoes and the grit of the outside world at the door.

For more information about U.S. hardwoods, visit the American Hardwood Information Center, www.HardwoodInfo.com, a service of the Hardwood Manufacturers Association.

Courtesy: Home Improvement News and Information Center

Photo courtesy of Shamrock Plank Flooring

(HIT) - As you plan your home and office improvements, think long-term by making choices that are informed, responsible and financially sound. The American Hardwood Information Center, www.HardwoodInfo.com, suggests hardwood flooring - one of the best long-term investments to be made. It is environmentally friendly, forever fashionable, and will last for generations. And industry experts concur. Bob Sabistina, executive director of the American Walnut Manufacturers Association, and international lumber grading consultant to the American Hardwood Export Council (AHEC), www.ahec.org, recently shared the following information about hardwood flooring options, installation, care and maintenance.

Two Types of Solid Hardwood Flooring

Unfinished solid hardwood flooring comes directly from the mill and is sanded and finished onsite. Most often used in new home construction, the rough sanding occurs during the early stages of the building process with the final coating being done just prior to move-in. Today's numerous dust containment sanding systems however, allow homeowners to enjoy the beauty of site finished, custom hardwood flooring practically anytime. Prefinished solid hardwood floors have already gone through a multiple stage finishing process before leaving the factory. They are ready to be enjoyed. This type of flooring usually comes with a substantial factory warranty, and species choices and color ranges are virtually endless.

Engineered or Multi-layer Hardwood Flooring

Engineered hardwood flooring is typically made from seven to ten layers of thin veneers or sheets, glued together to form a type of plywood, then finished with a solid hardwood wear layer. It can be installed directly over concrete and most other types of subfloors. The advantage of engineered hardwood flooring is that it will not react to moisture changes and is more stable than solid hardwood flooring. Because of this stability, engineered

Solid Hardwood Flooring

Solid hardwood flooring is just that; a solid plank of hardwood milled into a piece of flooring, usually with a tongue and groove on the edges and ends, so that the pieces fit together on all sides. While it comes in a variety of thicknesses, 3/4 inch is the most common produced in the U.S. and is usually nailed to a wooden subfloor. Thinner profiles, such as 5/16 inch, can be glued directly on to a surface such as concrete. Widths typically range from 2 1/4 inch strip to 8 inch and wider plank. Favorite U.S. species are red and white oak, hard maple, ash, hickory and pecan, walnut and cherry. All solid hardwood flooring can be sanded and refinished, however special care must be taken with the thinner profiles. And in all cases of hardwood

Why Home Sales Will Rise This Year

According to Lawrence Yun, Chief Economist for the National Association of Realtors, home sales are on the upswing. The forecast is also looking better for the following reasons:

- More jobs • Rising stock market wealth
- Rising apartment rents • Continuing high affordability conditions
- Home values at historically justifiable levels • Investors looking to hedge against inflation
- Foreigners buying U.S. homes on the cheap

There are other contributing factors, such as increased bank profits which creates an availability of funds and a desire for lending. Banks are also making an effort to offset the friction created by lengthy short sale processing. And have become more accessible with regard to selling short sale and foreclosure properties.

There are factors that are still impacting our market and buyer confidence, such as the high and fluctuating gas rates, the Washington policy making debates over ending government guaranteed mortgages, the potential increase in FHA and VA mortgage down payments, and the continued attempts to reduce the current mortgage interest deduction.

What does this mean for you? As a Seller, focus on a strategic pricing plan for your property. Be clear with your Realtor, regarding your motivation to sell. Ask for a marketing plan and expect regular communication. As a Buyer, find a Realtor that asks you to sign a Buyer Agency Agreement. That Realtor is asking for your loyalty. That Realtor is also committing to your success. Look for a Realtor that knows the art of "closing the deal."

Above all, "Attitude is Everything." Look for a real estate company that conveys energy and enthusiasm, and has the experience to back that up. We are definitively in a challenging economy. We can choose to see the glass half empty or half full. We always have a choice!

Article written by Michele Perejda, Broker/Owner of Dream Realty, Newry, Maine

*Lawrence Yun's itemized "forecast reasons" reprinted from Realtor Magazine, June 2011.

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Community Calendar

Bethel Farmers Market open Saturdays through Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine at Norway Savings Bank, FMI: 890-6859 or bethelfarmersmarket.com.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday
5:30 p.m. - Western Maine Velo Group Road Ride, meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-0100 for route information. Rides 15 to 49 miles. Open to all riders.

Thru July 19
Music Without Borders (International Piano Festival) at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Science Building's Trustees Auditorium, Free.

Thru July 31
Chinese-auction style summer raffle at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Norway, sponsored by St. Catherine's Sodality. Tickets: Parish Office, 32 Paris Street, Norway, Elaine (743-2606) or Anne (739-9661), at church after mass.

Thru Aug. 7
Annual Source to the Sea Trek begins Lake Umbagog, continues in 19-day trips and ends in Brunswick. FMI/register: www.androscogginwatershed.org.

Sundays thru Labor Day
12 Noon to 6 p.m. - **Free Country, Bluegrass, gospel jam sessions** at Countryfolk Music Theatre, Route 2, East Dixfield. FMI: 645-4411.

Sundays thru July and August (except Aug. 21)
2 to 4 p.m. - **Open House** Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris.

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, presents plein air oil painter, Diane Scott who paints landscapes, urban scenes and seascapes. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com

Monday-Friday, July 18-22
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **STEM - Health** camp at White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Drive, Berlin, N.H., for students 6 thru 8. FMI: (603) 752-1113 ext 3062, or e-mail taalen@cnh.edu

Tuesdays thru Aug. 9
7:30 p.m. - **Deertrees Theatre, Harrison**, chamber music by Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival. Tickets: \$20 (under 21 free), \$85 for the five concerts, available Box Office 583-6747, Cool Moose, Bridgton, The Country Sleigh, Naples, Books N Things, Norway, or online www.webagomusicfestival.org.

Thursday, July 14
5:30 p.m. - **Public Supper** Albany Congregational Church, Hunts Corner Road. Adults \$7/12 and under \$4.

5:30 to 7:30 - **Cruise Nite** at Beau's Two and Woodstock Oil Parking Lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

7:30 p.m. **Poetry Slam: Krista Mosaic and Guests** at Brick Church for the Performing Arts, 502 Christian Hill Road, Lovell. \$10 adults; \$5 12 and under. Tickets at door. FMI: 925-6244 or www.lovellbrickchurch.org.

8 p.m. - **Karen Morgan and Nancy Witter**, ladies night out comedy duo at Deertrees Theatre, Harrison. Tickets: \$18. FMI/tickets: 583-6747, e-mail deertrees@usa.net, www.deertreestheatre.org.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 14, 15, 16
New England Forest Rally at Sunday River. FMI: 824-3000 or www.sundayriver.com

Friday, July 15
5 p.m. on - **Benefit Supper for George Brown** by Foster Carroll American Legion Post 72, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Tickets: \$7 adults/ \$3.50 12 and under. Advance tickets: 743-5723 (Marilyn Ramsay).

5 to 8 p.m. - **Fine Art Auction and Buffet**, 480 Main Street, Norway. FMI: 743-7813.

8 p.m. - **Paul Sullivan and Theresa Thomason**, jazz pianist and vocalist, at Deertrees Theatre, Harrison. Tickets: \$18. FMI/tickets: 583-6747, e-mail deertrees@usa.net, www.deertreestheatre.org.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 15, 16, 17
Waterford World's Fair.

Saturday, July 16
7 to 10 a.m. - **Pancake Breakfast** at Bethel Masonic Lodge, Chapman Street. Cost: \$5/under 12 free. Proceeds support Telstar Project Graduation.

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Indoor Yard and Craft Sale**, Sabbathday Lake Grange, New Gloucester. Table rentals: \$10 for six-foot table. Handicap accessible. FMI or table rental: e-mail Steven at Granger04071@aol.com or call Norma 998-2586 by July 14.

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Food and Treasure Sale** at Rumford Center Meeting House. FMI: 364-7457.

9 a.m. - **First Annual Book Fair** at Northern Forest Heritage Park, 942 Main Street, Berlin, N.H. FMI: (603) 752-7202.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Founder's Day** on the green on Paris Hill. FMI: 743-2980 or visit www.hamlin.lib.me.us or e-mail hamlinstaff@hamlin.lib.me.us or Facebook.

10 a.m. - **Mollycokett Days Parade**. Theme: "Our River Runs Through." FMI: 824-2282, info@bethelmaine.com, www.bethelmaine.com.

10 a.m. - **5th Annual Christmas in July Joy Run** from Grimaldi Field, Andover, back to Grimaldi Field. Raffle Ride. Bring unwrapped toy in plastic bag or cash donation. Lunch, 50/50 raffle. Sponsored by Roxbury ATV Riders.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Barn Fest and Barn's Birthday Party** (8 p.m.) at **Celebration Barn Theater**, Route 117, Stock Farm Road, South Paris. Tickets (full-day): \$10 adults/\$5 students and kids - Birthday Party: \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$8. FMI or advance tickets: 743-8452 or visit www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Noon - **Rumford Grange 115** honors Rumford resident and Selectman Jeff Sterling to be Citizen of the Year and another longtime Grange member to receive special award. FMI: Donna Worcester 364-7895.

1 to 4 p.m. - **Open House** at Scribner's Mill, off Maple Ridge Road Harrison. Help assemble a barrel created by Matt Charlevoix. FMI: 595-6954.

8 p.m. - **Deertrees Theatre, Harrison**, presents Doreen's Jazz Orleans. Tickets: \$22. FMI or tickets: 583-6747 or deertrees@usa.net or www.deertreestheatre.org.

8 p.m. - **Dance** at Waterford World's Fair (The After Burner). BYOB. \$10 p/p. FI: Lisa Scribner 890-7669.

At dusk - **Mollycokett Days Fireworks**. Donations grateful. FMI: 824-2282.

Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17
Mollycokett Days in Bethel. For complete schedule: www.mollycokettdays.com. FMI: 824-2282.

30th Reunion Weekend, Telstar's Class of 1981 - Saturday 1 to 8 p.m. at Big Adventure Center, Bethel and Sunday, Scenic Cruise on Casco Bay Lines. FMI: 890-2991 (Michele).

Saturdays July 16, 23, 30
7 to 9 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band**, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open.

Sunday, July 17
1 p.m. - **North Pond Sailing Association Regatta**. Free and open to all. FMI: 875-3726.

Tuesday, July 19
5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Strawberry Shortcake Supper**, North Waterford Congregational Church, Five Kezars Road, off routes 35 and 37, opposite Melby's Market.

Wednesday, July 20
2 to 7 p.m. - **Bethel Community Blood Drive**, Telstar High School hosted by Parrot Head Club of Northern Tropics. Walk-in's welcome, appointments recommended - (800) 733-2767 or online www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation-other?city=bethel&state=ME&date%5Bmin%5D%5Bdate%5D=2011-07-13&date%5Bmax%5D%5Bdate%5D=2011-07-21).

Thursday, July 21
1 p.m. - **Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival** "Discover the Joys of Live Music" presentation at Oxford Hills High School, South Paris. Tickets: \$2/\$4, LOOK participants/families free.
7 p.m. - **St. Kieran Community Arts Center**, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H., presents late John Lennon's music performed by

The Nu-Utopians seven-piece ensemble. Tickets: \$12 adults/\$6 students. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org

Saturday, July 23
Tough Mountain Challenge at Sunday River. FMI: 824-3000 or www.toughmountain.com

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **ATV Maine** exhibit at Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. FMI: 657-4977 or www.mainewildlifepark.com or www.mefishwildlife.com or Facebook.

8 p.m. - **Celebration Barn Theater**, Route 117, Stock Farm Road, South Paris, presents Daniel Stein in "Timepiece." Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$14 adults/\$12 seniors/\$8 students and kids. FMI or advance tickets: 743-8452 or visit www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, July 24
Noon to 1:30 p.m. - **Meatloaf Dinner** at Rumford Center Grange.

1 p.m. - **North Pond Sailing Association Regatta**. Free and open to all. FMI: 875-3726.

Upton Historical Society meeting.

Tuesday, July 26
7:30 p.m. - **Deertrees Theatre, Harrison**, presents "Mahler Remembered," celebrated for his 10 massive symphonies and his orchestral works with vocal soloists. Tickets: \$20. available The Cool Moose, Bridgton, The Country Sleigh, Norway or Books and Things, Norway; online: www.sebagomusicfestival.org or call 583-6747.

Wednesday, July 27
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar Parking lot). Call 824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, July 28
5:30 p.m. - **Public Supper** Albany Congregational Church, Hunts Corner Road. Adults \$7/12 and under \$4.

July 29, 30, 31
Annual Youth Music Scholarship Country Jamboree, "Music & Minerals" at Countryfolk Music Theatre, Route 2, East Dixfield. FMI: Larry Bisbee 645-4411.

Saturday, July 30
Annual Rangeley Logging Festival and Parade. Vendors welcome. Call Tom or Carol Sullivan, 864-3640 or carol@foxrunstudios.com for vendor's application. Deadline: July 20.

Saturday, July 30
Summer Book Sale at West Paris Library, 23 Main Street. Needed: new/gently used books, books-on-tape, DVDs and CDs. No dictionaries, Readers Digests, text books. FMI: 674-2004.

8 p.m. - **Celebration Barn Theater**, Route 117, Stock Farm Road, South Paris, presents Kimleigh Smith in "T-O-T-A-L-L-Y" Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$14 adults/\$12 seniors/\$8 students and kids. FMI or advance tickets: 743-8452 or visit www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, July 31
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Open House** at Waterford Library. Light lunch available to purchase. FMI: 583-2050.

1 p.m. - **North Pond Sailing Association Regatta**. Free and open to all. FMI: 875-3726.

Thursday, Aug. 4
7 p.m. - **Tim Sample** performs at North Waterford Church. Tickets: \$15 advance/\$18 door, may be purchased at Books N Things, Norway, Bridgton Books, Bridgton. Seating limited. Proceeds benefit Waterford Historical Society.
7:30 p.m. - **Maine Pro Musica Symphony** at Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$25 adults \$20 seniors (65+) \$15 students. FMI/tickets: www.fryeburgacademy.org, box office 935-9232.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Aug. 4, 5, 6
Maine State HOG Rally - "Save a Horse, Ride a Harley" - at Sunday River. FMI: 824-3000 or www.sundayriver.com

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation and more** with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—**Story Hours** for children, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

(ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 pm, Thursday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

FMI: call 824-2520.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pin Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — **Knitting Group** for all levels even those who want to learn, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singer: welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—**Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783 4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotion or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support: adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (33272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, hot less shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherization. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org



A look back at a stellar pitcher and her teammates

By ALISON ALOISIO

The repeat-champion Telstar High School Softball Team will be honored with a ride in the Mollycoddett Days parade July 16.

The Rebels won the state Class C title last month and, like last year, will ride atop a fire truck in the Bethel parade.

The team's most-honored player was pitcher Kayla Merrill, now a graduate.

She was runnerup in the Miss Maine Softball award, which went to a Class A pitcher.

She was a two-time Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year, and a two-time Sun Journal All-Region Softball Player of the Year.

She compiled a 50-2 career record on the mound, the highest winning percentage for any Rebel pitcher with more than 20 wins. She allowed an average of only three hits a game, racking up 31 shutouts and 10 one-run games.

Merrill more than did her

part with the bat, too, hitting .407 over her career in 241 at-bats. She struck out only 10 times in four years.

"Kayla has worked very hard to become the softball player and pitcher that she is," said Coach Jim Lunney.

Merrill was asked what has motivated her through the years.

"I loved to be involved in every play when I was little, otherwise I would get really bored," she said. "So ever since then I have been pitching. I love it. What drove me to work hard at it was seeing the older kids throw. It made me want to be better. I was a big self motivator, along with the help from my father. I strove to be the best I could. And a lot of it goes to Dad for helping me. He was always there to catch for me and help out, along with Kim Lavoie, who gave me lessons when I was younger. Those two have been great influences."

Merrill was recruited to play softball at Husson University,

where she will enroll in the nursing program.

A talented senior class

Of course, Merrill didn't win the state championship by herself.

"This senior class was a very successful one as well," said Lunney. He describes their contributions:

"Hannah Morin, a four-year starter in the outfield, anchored centerfield for the past three seasons and contributed greatly in Telstar's play off success. Last year it was her seventh inning hit that defeated Georges Valley and sent the Rebels to the States and this year her two-run single began the Telstar rally that again beat Georges Valley in the Western Maine finals.

"Nicena Walker, a three-year starter at first base, led the team in hits this season and was second to Lyndsay Merrill in team batting. Nicena was also second to Lyndsay in RBI's and was a standout defensive first base-

man.

"Katie Sumner, a defensive wizard at third base, also was one of the Rebels leading hitters.

"Sarah Averill, left field, Victoria Forkus, DH and Gail Lavorgna outfield also contributed to the success of the Rebels this season.

"Sarah's three-run homer in helped the Rebels to an early win and her and Gail's play in the outfield helped keep opponents off the bases and from scoring. Sarah threw out the last baserunner for Georges Valley in the MVC Championship game.

"Victoria had key hits against Jay and Georges Valley and she constantly battled pitchers to get that '60 feet' so necessary to win ball games. These seniors finished with a 68-7 four-year record, four trips to the Western Maine finals, winning the last three, three trips to the State Championships, three MVC titles and three MVC playoff championships."

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Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Morning worship 10:45 noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Saviour, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-

2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Carol Stevens, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday Worship. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Wednesday. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath

School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. For more info, call 824-8939.

Church of the White Cloud Outreach Healing Ministries - Mail Blessings Study Course; phone requests prayerline. Rev. Paula Ewing 824-2782. Jesus is a Friend.

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Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

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Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Leigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

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Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers' presentation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

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Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

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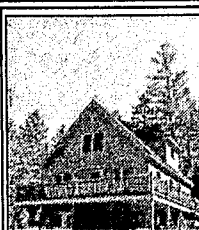
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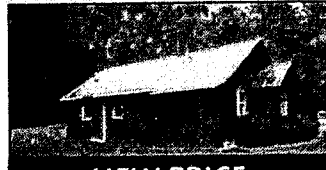
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Obituaries

IVAN C. CONRAD

Ivan C. Conrad, 79, of Upper Branch, Lunenburg Co. Nova Scotia, passed away on June 1, 2011.

He moved to Andover, Maine in 1953 and worked at Andover Wood Products for 21 years before moving back to Nova Scotia in 1975 where he continued to work at Michelin Tire for 19 years upon which he retired.

He was a caring and giving person always helping out when needed. He enjoyed doing carpentry work and working with stone. He loved the outdoors and spent lots of hours working on his Christmas trees.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Fern; daughters Toni and Coral; sons Dale and Troy; three brothers; one sister; three foster brothers; one foster sister; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of life in his honor on July 24 (his birthday) at his home in Upper Branch, NS at 2 p.m.

Donations in his memory can be made to Lakeside Cemetery, New Canada, Hillside Cemetery, Upper Branch or to charity of choice.

HARLAND E. HARLOW

Harland Everard Harlow, 79, of West Paris, passed away peacefully Monday, June 13, 2011 after a courageous battle with brain cancer, with his wife by his side, at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris.

He was born in Bryant Pond, March 3, 1932, the son of Everard and Myra Wilson Harlow. He attended Woodstock school and worked for the Deere Tractor in Rumford, O.K. Clifford Co. in South Paris and Don Mason's Repair Shop in West Paris for many years as a mechanic.

He enjoyed working in the woods for himself and he liked to cut up wood for people in the neighborhood and gave it to them at no charge. He enjoyed attending antique car shows with his brothers and taking bus tours and traveling with his wife, Louella. He and his wife lived in Colorado for a few years and then moved back to Maine. He was a member of the Oxford Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Mr. Harlow is survived by his wife, Louella of West Paris; a daughter, Donna and her husband Randy LaRose of New Gloucester; a son, Gary Harlow of Norway; a granddaughter, Carla and her husband Kristoffer Evans of Greenwood; a great-granddaughter, Emma Evans; a grandson, Lee Martin of West Paris; two brothers, Robert Harlow and his wife Alberta of Freeport and Myron (Bud) Harlow of Bryant Pond; three sisters, Eva Bowers of Greenwood, Marilyn and her husband Wyman Huston of Bryant Pond and Rose Marie and her husband Alban Hersey of South Paris; and many close friends.

He was predeceased by his parents; a brother, Maynard Harlow; sister-in-law, Evis (Pip) Harlow; and brother-in-law, Henry Bowers.

Special thanks to Maine Medical Center, Portland, Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris and Dr. Peter Harbage, for the loving and exceptional care given to Harland and his family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 23, 2 p.m. at Oxford Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 259 Fore Street, Oxford. Donations may be made to the Forster Dale School in South Woodstock, or Pine-tree Academy in Freeport.



JOAN AUGUSTA TUCKER

Joan Augusta Tucker, 78, passed away on Friday, July 8, 2011 surrounded by her loving family at Market Square Health Care Center in South Paris.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1932 in Norway, Maine. As a young girl she spent many happy memorable times with

her Grammy and Grandpa Pride on Pikes Hill and her Grammy and Grandpa Jackson at Green Elms. She attended Norway schools graduating from Norway High School in 1950 where she was active in girls basketball, drama club, cheerleading, archery and many other activities.

On Oct. 28, 1950 she married the love of her life, Allison Eugene Tucker. Together, they had four children: Jeffrey, Carrie Ellen, Dori and Bethany.

She had many hobbies including reading poetry, antiquing, music and spending time in her garden but most of all spending time with her loving family.

During her life, she held many jobs in various positions including: research lab analyst at Oxford Paper, selling Avon, driving school bus for the NOVA School program, Real Estate Agent and C.N.A. at Cozy Inn Nursing Home in Rumford.

After the loss of her husband, she converted their home to a B & B, "The Last Resort," at Rumford Corner until 2003.

She was predeceased by her husband, Allison; daughter, Carrie Ellen; mother, Eva Allen; father, Eugene Pride; stepmother, Ruth Pride; stepfather, Melvin Allen; and brother, Abner Pride Allen.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey Tucker and his wife Debra; daughter, Dori Gallagher and husband Ralph; daughter, Bethany Giberson and husband Neal; and her grandchildren, Ralph Allison Gallagher, Melissa Lynn Carlberg, Gretchen Marie Tucker, Jacob Jeffrey Tucker, Kayla Mae Giberson, and Tori Anne Giberson; and great-grandson, Dawson Alan Carlberg; brother, Ira Allen; sister, Nancy Jordan; brother, Eugene Pride; sister, Gloria Dorey; brother, William Pride; sister, Karen Goodwin; sister, Trudy Durgin; sister, Rhonda Tibbets; and sister, Ruth Upton.

We love you to the moon and back and we will miss you every day. You were our glue.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meaderson.com

At Joan's request, there will

be no funeral services. However, there will be a celebration of her life at the Universalist Church at 479 Main Street in Norway on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Beacon Hospice Services at 55 Lisbon Street, Suite 2600, Lewiston, ME 04240 or the Norway Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway, Maine 04268 in her memory. Thank you for your thoughts.

ALBERT R. MASON

Albert R. Mason, 63, a resident of Line Road, Greene, died unexpectedly, Monday, July 11, 2011 at his home.

He was born Sept. 30, 1947, in Bethel, the son of Alfred C. and Bernice L. (Tibbets) Mason. Albert attended school in Greene and was a graduate of Lewiston High School. He served three years in the U.S. Army, having served in Vietnam, in the 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile) assigned to the 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion (Winged Assault) and 21 years in the U.S. Army Reserves since 1974 in the 619th Transportation Company, in the 3rd platoon, 3rd squad - squad leader, having served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm, retiring in 1991.

On Oct. 5, 1968, in Locke Mills, he married Kathleen Bachelier. Albert worked as a shipfitter for 27 years at Bath Iron Works. Albert was a dedicated lifetime soldier and Naval ship builder, he was very proud of his country and his patriotism.

He was an avid outdoorsman and in his younger years he spent a lot of time in the woods and learned the logging trade from his brothers. He was a history buff, especially reading and learning about the American Civil War.

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his grandchildren, he enjoyed saving quarters of all the states for them. He also, collected currency from all the countries he visited and served. Albert was loving and devoted to his family and friends. He would without hesitation help people when they needed a hand without being asked. He would give them the shirt off his back if they needed it and never expected anything in return.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Mason of Greene; his son, Daniel Mason and companion Vicki Richard; daughters, Jennifer Mason and Julie Mason and companion Jerry Burgess; grandchildren, Gabbie, Ariel, Nate, Gwen and Anna; three brothers, identical twin brother, Delbert Mason Sr. and wife Marilyn and Gary Mason, all of Greene and Ernest Mason and wife Anita of Bethel; four sisters, Shirley and Joe Bitetti of Greene, Eleanor Flanders of Norway, Virginia Curtis of Leeds and Patricia and Dennis Green of Greene; brother-in-law, Charles Wadja of New Hampshire; many nieces and nephews; and his faithful dog and companion, Sadie.

He was predeceased by his brother, Richard Mason; his sister, Janet Wadja; and brothers-in-law, Robert Curtis and Ken Flanders.

Messages of condolence may be sent to www.finleyfuneralhome.com.

Funeral service with full military honors will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 17, at Bragdon-Finley Funeral Home, 707 Main Street, Monmouth. Visiting hours will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Interment at Leeds Plains Cemetery, Plains Road, Leeds.

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Births

Tom and Katie Huggins of Woodstock are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Matthew Scott Huggins, on June 30, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Vern and Brenda Maxfield of Norway.

Paternal grandparents are George Huggins of Lynn, Mass., and Beverly Cobb of Otisfield.

Matthew Scott joins his sister, Madeline, age 4 and brother, Mason, age 2.

Sarah M. Judkins and David L. Borst, Jr. of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Wyatt Benjamin Borst, born on July 3, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Melinda Judkins of Harpswell and Daniel Judkins of Waterford.

Paternal grandparents are David and Diane Borst of Embden.

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